Theodore 'Ted' Wayne Irwin, 77, of Lake Ozark died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital after a 3 1/2 year battle with lung cancer. He was born Oct. 31, 1929, to Willie and Sylvia Houser Irwin in the Horseshoe Bend area prior to the construction of Bagnell Dam. His mother survives in Iberia.

On June 3, 1950, he was married in Tusculuma to Ruby Brown, who survives at the home. Mr. Irwin was reared in Iberia and attended Spearman School and Iberia High School. He was employed for 23 years as the plant superintendent of Stanton Novelty Company in Lake Ozark.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by three daughters and their husbands, Sharron and Richard Wolf of Oklahoma City, Okla., Susan and Richard Bloomquist of Minnetrista, Minn., and Sandy, and David Washburn of Rogers, Ark.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Amy Wolf and Michael Krueger of Lee's Summit, Brian Wolf of Lafayette, Ind., Eric Washburn of Springfield and Emily Washburn of Rogers, Ark.; two great-grandchildren; Zachary Wolf and Jackson Krueger, both of Lee's Summit; three step-grandchildren and their spouses, David and Kimberly Bloomquist, Patrick and Shawna Bloomquist, all of Prior Lake, Minn., and Stephanie Krueger and husband Jason of Delano, Minn.; nine step-great-grandchildren, Taylor, Hailey and Tristen Krueger, all of Delano, Minn., Abbey, Amanda, Carter, Chase, Peyton and Finn Bloomquist, all of Prior Lake, Minn.; and two sisters, Evelyn Atwill of Iberia and Eva Phillips of St. Charles.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home, 902 E. North St., Eldon, with the Rev. Ron Lehenbauer officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Michelle Anderson, 20, of Crocker died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at St. John's Health System in Springfield of injuries she suffered in a motor vehicle accident. She was born June 8, 1986, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to Gerry Jene Sr. and Cindy Sue Hankins Anderson. Her father survives at Portageville and her mother survives at Dixon.

Miss Anderson was graduated from Richland High School and was a member of the Crocker Church of Christ. She worked at The Children's Place in Osage Beach and for Home Health Care.

Also surviving her are her paternal grandmother, LaVera Anderson of Craig, Neb.; her maternal grandparents, Wayne and Rosella Hankins of Lincoln, Neb.; a brother, Gerry Gene Anderson Jr. of St. Robert; two sisters, Melissa Anderson and Sherri Simmons, both of Crocker; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Long Funeral Home in Crocker with Ray Sullins of the Church of Christ in Springfield officiating. Burial was in the Crocker Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Louise Meredith, 79, of Dixon died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital. She was born April 26, 1927, in Maries County to James C. and Lena Denton Alexander. On Nov. 25, 1949, she was married in Mountain Home, Ark., to James V. Meredith, who survives at the home. Mrs. Meredith was a member of the Crocker Church of Christ.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Danne and Loren Hall of Dixon; three grandchildren, Brandon Hall, Zachary Hall and Meredith Hall, all of Dixon; and a sister, Wilma Burchfield of the state of California.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Freedom Cemetery near Dixon with Bro. Ray Sullins officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Bible Institute of Missouri.
Ruth Eileen Duncan, 69, of Barnett died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, in Versailles. She was born Jan. 21, 1937, in Tusculumia to Charles Edward and Cecil Jeffries Harrison. On May 11, 1956, she was married in Mt. Pleasant to James Edward Duncan, who survives at the home. Mrs. Duncan was a member of the Assembly of God Church. Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, Manuel D. Duncan of Jefferson City; three grandchildren, Dusten Wesley Duncan, Denae Eileen Duncan and Derek James Duncan; and two sisters, Ruby Tyler of Vandalia and Ethal Pendelton of Iberia. Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will follow with the Rev. Ron Hess officiating. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett.

Charles David Duncan Sr., 55, of Iberia died Tuesday; Jan. 2, 2007, at his daughter's home in Grove Oak, Ala. He was born Nov. 25, 1951, in Crocker to Norman and Lena Faye Duncan. His father, Norman Duncan, died Oct. 8, 1982. His mother, Lena Faye Morrow, survives in Iberia. On Friday, Oct. 21, 1978, he was married to Tammy Gay Duncan, who survives at the home. Also surviving him are five children and their spouses, Shanta and Jason Bornay of Grove Oak, Ala., Rachel Duncan and husband Jason of Kaiser, Charles Jr. and Kendra Duncan of Iberia, Daniel and Amber Duncan of Landrum, S.C., and Aaron and Christie Duncan of Iberia; 18 grandchildren; four sisters, Susan Witt of Kansas City, Annie Carrol of St. Robert, Rita Hurt of Bashor, Kan., and Pissie Baker of Iberia; and three brothers, R. Doug Duncan of Dixon, Donald Duncan of Kansas City and Jeff Duncan of Iberia. Visitation will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Hedges Funeral Home of Osage Beach. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, January 11, 2007

Wilma Lee Pemberton Birge, 101, of Seymour, Ind., died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at her residence. She was born Feb. 27, 1905, in Iberia; to Wade A. and Edna Frances Wall Pemberton. On May 26, 1926, she was married to Francis J. Birge, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Birge was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was owner and bookkeeper at Birge Electric and Appliance Shop, was a former member of the Elks Country Club, and a Tri Kappa Emeritus Member. Survivors include two sisters, Janet Wilson of Florissant and Jean Keeth of Iberia; one brother, Donald D. Pemberton of Cape Girardeau; five grandchildren, Sharon Henley, Bruce Birge, Brian Birge, Adrienne Caldwell and Christopher Birge; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and a daughter-in-law, Louise Birge.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jerry P. Birge and Richard Birge; five brothers, Victor, Emil, James' and Harold Pemberton of Iberia and Lynn Pemberton of Fort Myers, Fla.; four sisters, Gretchen Jones of St. Louis, Sylvia Atwill of Iberia, Pauline Livingston of Sequim, Wash., and Maxine Deardeuff of Oak Harbor, Wash. Dr. Eugene Gladney conducted funeral services at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan 1, at Voss Chapel in Seymour, Ind. Burial will take place in Williams Cemetery at Iberia at a later date. Memorials may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Eileen Duncan, 69 of Barnett died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, in Versailles. She was born Jan. 21, 1937, in Tuscumbia to Charles Edward and Alma Cecil Murray Harrison. On May 11, 1956, she was married in Mt. Pleasant to James Edward Duncan, who survives at the home. Mrs. Duncan was a member of the Assembly of God Church.
Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, Manuel D. Duncan of Jefferson City; three grandchildren, Dusten Wesley Duncan, Denae Eileen Duncan and Derek James Duncan; and two sisters, Ruby Tyler of Vandalia and Ethal Pendelton of Iberia.

Visitation was held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Ron Hess officiating. Burial was in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett.
(Note: Due to incorrect information supplied, Mrs. Duncan's mother's maiden name was incorrect in her obituary last week.)

Ernest Curry, 95, of Crocker died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at Miller County Care Center at Tuscumbia. He had been in failing health for some time. He was born Sept. 27, 1911, at Iberia to Fred and Etta Lawrence Curry. On April 4, 1942, he was married at Camdenton to Dorothy Martha Carroll, who survives at Crocker.

Mr. Curry was a member of the Crocker Assembly of God Church. He worked as a clerk at the Post Exchange at Fort Leonard Wood, retiring in 1971.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons and their wives, Danny and Sandy Curry of Crocker and Gene and Marlene Curry of Belle; four sisters, Norma Frazier of Elmore City, Okla., Lola Payne of St. Louis, Dean Caldwell of Chicago, Ill., and Gert Hendricks of Crocker; four grandchildren, David Curry, Jeff Curry, Adam Curry and Amy Curry; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Crocker Assembly of God Church with Bro. Billy Claiborn, pastor of Hilltop Christian Union Church, officiating. Burial was in Bethany Cemetery near Crocker under the direction of Long Funeral Home in Crocker. Memorials may be made to the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center at Tuscumbia.

Albert E. 'Al' Laubert Sr., 75, St. Elizabeth died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born Nov. 20, 1931, in Vienna to Frank Henry and Lillian Lavon Lazier Laubert. On July 26, 1958, he was married in Freeburg to Arline Marie Wilde, who survives at the home.

Mr. Laubert was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a farmer for 30 years. He retired from the Missouri Department of Corrections and had worked for the Algoa Correctional Center. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth and Argyle VFW Post 8045.

Also surviving him are two daughters, Ruthann Laubert of St. Elizabeth and Nancy Greubel of Lake Ozark, three sons, Albert Laubert Jr. of St. Thomas, Frank Laubert of Freeburg and Charlie Laubert of Wardsville; a sister, Laura Lee Weidinger of Vienna; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, David and Francis Laubert.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth with the Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB, officiating. Burial was in the Holy Family Cemetery at Freeburg with military honors. Arrangements were under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of the donor's choice.

Ernest Gene Wall, 82, of Richland died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at Richland Care Center in Richland. He was born Oct. 17, 1924, at Hawkeye to Everett and Elsie Short Wall. In 1947 he was married in Swedeborg to Maude Leatta Schultz-Dunham, who died May 19, 2003.

Mr. Wall was saved in October 200 at the Swedeborg Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He had worked in construction and was a lifelong farmer.

Surviving him are two sons, Don Wall and Leon Wall, both of Richland; a daughter, Linda Reed of Temple, Texas; three sisters, , Lorene Knaus of St. Louis, Bonnie Smelcer of Rolla and Hattie Jensen of Elgin, Ill.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 11 step--
grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren. A stepson, Fred Dunham, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Long Funeral Home in Crocker with the Rev. James E. Marshall of Laquey officiating. Burial was in Crocker Public Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Debra Jane “Debbie” Plemmons, age 57, of Iberia, died Saturday, January 13, 2007, at St. Mary's Health Center. She was born in Crocker on December 6, 1949, the daughter of Vasca Bird and Dorothy Edna (Wilson) Humphrey. On June 29, 2002, in Brumley, she was married to Gary Wayne Plemmons, who survives at the home.

She worked as an EMT for the Miller County Ambulance for 23 years. She was a member of Brays Advent Christian Church near Iberia and the Iberia American Legion Post 105.

Other survivors include her mother, Edna Humphrey of Iberia; three stepdaughters, Jody Vance and husband, Sam of Iberia, Angie Dusenberry and husband, Leon of Eldon, Gari Luttrell and husband, Scott of Iberia; one stepson, Ronnie Plemmons and wife, Mindy of Marshfield; three sisters, Birdene Cochran and husband, Dave of Brumley, Barbara Harrison of Iberia, and Vanessa Duckworth of Versailles; one brother, Steven Humphrey and wife, Tammy of Monett; eight step grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, other family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; a son, Dallis Dean Blankenship Jr. in 1980; a daughter, Valerie Kay Blankenship in 2002; and a sister, Linda Humphrey-Cheatum in 2006.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Debra Plemmons Memorial Fund.

Rita Christine Bax, age 82, of St. Elizabeth, died Saturday, January 20, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born in St. Thomas on December 13, 1924, daughter of John Andrew and Anna Marie (Muehlenkamp) Gerling. On May 8, 1948, in St. Elizabeth, she was married to Clarence Samuel Bax, who survives.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Ladies Sodality and St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. She and her husband moved to Florissant in 1948 and returned to a farm near St. Elizabeth in 1966.

Other survivors include four sons, John Bax and wife, Marlene of Meta, Eugene Bax and wife, Cindy of Ulman, James Bax and wife, Brenda of Clayton, and Thomas Bax of St. Elizabeth; one sister, Rufina Boessen of St. Thomas; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Joseph Bax; one daughter, Kerry Booth; one brother, John Gerling; and one sister, Sr. Mary Elise Gerling.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB, will officiate. Interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the St. Elizabeth Community Center with a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral.

Edwin Lee Shepherd, 88, of Eldon, Mo. died on January 24, 2007, in Tuscumbia, Mo. Survivors include: his wife, Ruby M. Robinett Shepherd; one son, Donald Shepherd; two granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; two sisters; many nieces & nephews.
Visitation will be on Friday, January 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Funeral services will be on Friday, January 26, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon, Mo.

Memorials are suggested to The Alzheimer's Association or The First Baptist Church Building Fund of Eldon, Mo. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo.

Ava Lee (Richie) Miller, 94, Osage Beach, died Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born March 26, 1912, a daughter of the late Jim and Easter (McFarland) Richie. On December 24, 1928, she was married to William Gray Miller, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include: four children, Betty Cox, Bonnie Carpenter, William Miller, and Joy Kegle; 11 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Friday, January 26, with services immediately following at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, January 25, 2007

Gene A. James, 85, of Olean died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at Versailles. He was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Eldon to Elmer and Eva Lou Caldwell James. He was married in 1942 in St. Louis to Azalea Catherine Williams James, who survives at the home.

Mr. James was graduated from Eldon High School in 1941 and the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, in 1953. He retired from the Los Angeles Police Department and returned to Missouri to farm. He also was owner-operator of an insurance company. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Eldon First Baptist Church and served there as a Sunday school teacher for several years.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gene Thomas and Teresa James of Olean; two grandchildren, Tyler and Trevor James; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two children, David and Roger James, a grandchild, Travis James, and seven brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will immediately follow with the Rev. Randall Bunch officiating. Burial will be in Hickory Point Cemetery, Ulman, with full military honors provided by VFW Post 2442 at Eldon. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Joan M. Eickelmann, 76, of Jefferson City, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at her home. She was born June 17, 1930, in Granite City, Ill., to Price C. and Arvilla B. Payne Wall. A lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area, she was a graduate of Ritenour High School in St. Louis. She was employed as secretary for the First Assembly of God Church for the past 18 years and was an active member of the church.

Surviving her are two sons and their wives, John and Christy Eickelmann of St. Robert and Bill and Pearl Eickelmann of St. Louis; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Frank Yakich of St. Peters and Mary Jo Gottfried of Jefferson City; a sister, Pebble N. Pawl of Jefferson City; nine grandchildren; Sarah Eickelmann, Angelia Yakich-Brooks, Eric Gottfried, Robert Eickelmann, Tracy Eickelmann, Ashley Fleming, Christopher Eickelmann, Brittany Eickelmann and Jaelyn Eickelmann; and five great-grandchildren. She also has other relatives in the Eldon and Iberia areas.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Jefferson City, First Assembly of God Church. Funeral services will be held, at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Lowell Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery under the direction of Freeman Mortuary of Jefferson City. Memorials may be made to the church.
Zelphia Belk Stark, 83, of Olean died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. She was born Oct. 25, 1923, in Miller County to Chris and Ethel Fritchey Helton. She was married to Henry Belk and Johnnie Stark, both of whom preceded her in death.

Mrs. Stark was baptized at Bray’s Advent Christian Church near Iberia. She worked at Brown Shoe Factory in Dixon, Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center in Tuscumbia and Holiday Inn at Lake of the Ozarks.

Surviving are two sons, Ronnie Lee Belk of Freemont, Iowa, and Donald Gene Belk of Iberia; two daughters, Virgie Ruth Lane of Crocker and E. Darlene Crismon of St. Charles; 15 grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sons: Billy Edward Belk in 1941, David Dewayne Belk in 1961, Henry Pete Belk in 1986 and Clay Douglas Belk in 1996.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will follow at noon with Bro. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Iberia. Memorials may be made to Union Cemetery.

Earcy L. Abbott, age 81, of Eldon, died Sunday, January 28, 2007, in Eldon. He was born November 27, 1925, in Cole County, Mo., to Sherman and Effie (Burks) Abbett. He was married in 1948 in Eldon to Bonnie Wilson, who preceded him in death on December 26, 2001.

He was a mechanic in the auto industry and a member of the Tuscumbia Baptist Church. He was a United States Navy Veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include: three sons, Dale Michael Abbott of Eldon, Rick Abbott of Ottawa, Kan., and Jim L. Abbott of Eldon; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Juanita Wilson of Jefferson City; two brothers, Donald Abbett and Kenneth Abbett, both of Tuscumbia; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and two brothers, Alfred and Percy.

Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, with Rev. Randall Bunch officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Tuscumbia. Memorial contributions are suggested to Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Neal R. Scott, 68, Eldon, died Saturday, January 27, 2007, in Eldon. He was born June 24, 1938, the son of Arthur Leroy Scott Sr. and Myrtle Irene (Morse) Scott. He was married June 9, 1961, to Carole (Tinkler) Scott, who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: one son, Billy Joe Scott, Eldon.; one daughter, Tia Renee Scott, Eldon; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; one sister, Joyce Breedon of Waxahachie, Texas; five brothers, Arthur Scott Jr., Sterling, Ill., Bob Scott of Lyndon, Ill., Wayne Scott of the State of California, Jerry Scott of Morrison, Ill. and Garry Scott of Lyndon, Ill.

Private services will be held. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association.


Other survivors include his maternal grandparents, Herb and Linda Huhman, Jefferson City; paternal grandparents, Larry and Mary Mays, Jefferson City; maternal great-grandmother, Mildred Utrecht, Jefferson City; and aunts and uncles, Sheila and Norman Graham, Jefferson City; Mark and Heather Huhman, Jefferson City; Lisa Huhman, St. Charles, Mo.; Greg Huhman, Jefferson City; Sarah and Richard Miller, Oak Grove, Mo.; Ira and Dee Mays, Eldon, Mo.; David
and Angela Mays, Jefferson City; and Robert and Rachel Mays, Jefferson City. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Noah James Mays, on March 16, 2006.

Private graveside services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at St. Martin Cemetery with the Rev. Edwin A. Schmidt officiating. Memorials are suggested to the "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" Foundation, 4509 W. Bridgewood Drive, Columbia, MO 65203. Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.


Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. Services will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Loveland Burial Park, Loveland, Colo., at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo.

Lorrie Ann (Pfeiffer) Rice, age 43, of Eldon, died Sunday, January 28, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in West Union, Iowa on September 13, 1963, a daughter of Alan Paul Pfeiffer Sr. and Tina (Thompson) Scribner.

Those who survive her include: her parents and a significant other, William Berry of Eldon. Her body has been cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, February 1, 2007

Mildred L. Preslar, 83, of Crocker died recently. She was born Oct. 3, 1923, in Walnut, Miss., to Arthur Allen and Grace Bryan Bell. She was married Dec. 11, 1943, in Fresno, Calif., to Walter Preslar, who died in 1977.

Mrs. Preslar lived in Mississippi for 12 years and then in Dell, Ark., for two years. She accepted Christ as her savior and was baptized at the Dell Baptist Church. The family later moved to New Madrid, Mo.

In 1951, she and her husband opened the Tasty Grill Cafe in Waynesville. She continued to operate it after his death, retiring in 1985. They lived in Waynesville for several years and in 1962 purchased a farm north of Crocker where they raised cattle and chickens.

Surviving are two daughters and their husbands, Dolores and Gary Wilkes and Rose Mary and Bob Boulware; a son and his wife, Rick and Jackie Preslar; nine grandchildren, Shannon McMurtrey, Julie Austin, Aaron Boulware, Carrie Gerischer, Courtney Giese, Kelly Preslar, Joe Wilkes, Christopher and Cody Preslar; five great-grandchildren; Two step-grandchildren, Tara Beason and Heather Dedrick; five step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Oneda Young; and a brother, Raymond Bell.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Long Funeral Home with Bro. Don Kabel of the Crocker First Baptist Church and Bro. Billy Claiborne of Hilltop Christian Union Church officiating. Burial was in Waynesville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the, Lake Ozark Area Hospice.

Regina B. Massman, 87, of St. Elizabeth died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at University Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. She was born July 31, 1919, in St. Elizabeth to Henry W. and Johanna Luebbert Steinman.

On May 3, 1941, she was married in Glendale to Frank Joseph Massman, who died Jan. 27, 2001. Mrs. Massman was a lifelong resident of St. Elizabeth and she helped her husband on the family farm.
Surviving are a son and wife, Lawrence and Deborah Massman of Austin, Texas; two daughters and their husbands, Marjorie and John Euchs of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Joann and Felix Wulff of Jefferson City; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Vincent Steinman of House Springs and Anthony Steinman of Rochester, Minn.; and two sisters, Viola Wolfe of Taos and Sylvia Steinman of St. Louis. An infant son and daughter preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth with a prayer service at 6 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth with the Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB officiating. Burial will be in the St. Lawrence Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund.

Bob Shauck Sr., 91, of Eldon died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007. He was born Dec. 16, 1915, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Chalmer and Nettie Condon Shauck. On June 29, 1943, he was married in Mansfield, Ohio, to Janet McKitrick, who survives.

Mr. Shauck was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving from 1940-1946 as a machinist mate and Chief Petty Officer on the USS Spry. He moved from North Fairfield, Ohio, to Miller County in 1968 and operated a Commercial cattle farm.

Surviving him in addition to his wife are four children, Bob Shauck Jr. and significant other Bettie and Tom Shauck and significant other Barbara, all of Eldon, Cheryll Sims and husband Bob of Azle, Texas, and Dennis Shauck and wife Betsy of Holden; nine grandchildren, Sheri Zumsteg, Sara Shauck, Becky Eckerle, Kathy Lam, Jon Sims, Daniel Sims, Heather Shauck, Tye Shauck and Michelle Weaver; and three great-grandchildren, Alexandria Zumsteg, Taylor Zumsteg and Maxwell Eckerle.

His body has been cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Jean Bradshaw, 74, of Eldon died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at her home. She was born March 31, 1932, in Russellville to William and Pearl Reed Wyrick. On Sept. 25, 1964, she was married in Miami, Okla., to Don Bradshaw, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Bradshaw was a past president of the Friends of Animals Humane Society and was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Dave Bradshaw and wife Bobbie of Eldon; a brother, Bob Wyrick of Eldon; and a sister-in-law, JoAnn Wyrick of Eldon. Her body has been cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

John William English, 73, of St. Elizabeth died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born April 11, 1933, in Akron, Ohio, to Henry and Lucille Driver English. He was married in Ensenada, Mexico, to Lois Jean Grudt, who survives at the home.

Mr. English owned and operated JAGE Enterprises which machined aircraft parts in Los Angeles, Calif., from 1977 until 1995 when he and his wife retired to the St. Elizabeth area.

Also surviving him are a daughter, Sara Walker of Albuquerque, N.M.; and two sons, James English of Los Angeles, Calif., and Daniel English of St. Elizabeth.

His body will be cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth. Private family burial will be held at a later date at Diamond Grove Cemetery in Jacksonville, Ill.
Lari was born in Springfield, Mo., on January 19, 1922, to William A. Tatum and Grace Ferguson Tatum.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Rev. Eural Tatum, Tulsa, Okla., Robert Tatum, Muskogee, Okla., and Richard Tatum, Springfield, Mo. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Schmidly, of Mt. Vernon, Mo.; three sisters, Helen Ramsey, Springfield, Mo., Kathryn Presley, Republic, Mo., and Sarah Dameron, Nixa, Mo.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Lari graduated from Senior (Central) High School, Springfield, Mo., in 1940. Being an avid bowler, she was later made President of the Women's Bowling Association. In her later years, Lari went to work for Wal-Mart. Lari was a member of Calvary Temple Assembly of God for many years. She leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. She will be missed by everyone.

Donations may be made to Nixa Christian Health Care. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2007, in Greenlawn Funeral Home North, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, February 4, 2007, in the funeral home.

**Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, February 4, 2007**

**Jimmy Martin Turner**, age 72, of Tuscumbia, died Friday, February 2, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Care Center.

Survivors include: his wife, Bonnie Mae, of the home; two daughters, Glenda Turner of Tuscumbia and Lorraine Burris of Olean; one son, Donald Turner of Tuscumbia; one granddaughter, Erin Turner of California; and one half-sister, Mary Katherine Mitchell of Lawrence, Kansas.

His body has been cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. A private burial will be held at a later date.

**Mrs. Georgia E. Clark**, age 86 years, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Saturday, February 3, 2007, at the Capital Region Medical Center. Mrs. Clark was born October 5, 1920, in Brumley, Mo., the daughter of Lace G. and Stella S. Langston Phillips, both deceased.

She was married on March 3, 1942, in Jefferson City, Mo., to Forest K. Clark, who survives at the home. A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Mrs. Clark attended school in Brumley, Mo.

She was employed with the Oberman Manufacturing Company, the Tweedie Footwear Factory, the East End Shoe Factory, St. Mary's Health Center, and Von Hoffmann Press. She retired from the General Services Department of the State of Missouri in February 1983. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Other survivors include: one son, David K. Clark and his wife Patricia of Jefferson City, Mo.; one sister, Pauline Avery of Hillsboro, Mo.; three step-grandchildren, Kelly Surf, Tammy Hazelton, and Aaron Tyson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 6, 2007, in the Freeman Chapel with the Reverend Dr. Doyle Sager and the Reverend Dr. Thomas W Nelson officiating. Interment will be at Riverview Cemetery. Visitation will be at the Freeman Mortuary from 5-7 p.m. Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church Building Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

**Gary Duncan**, age 57, of Barnett, died Thursday, February 1, 2007, at Osage Beach, Mo. Survivors include: his wife, Joyce Duncan, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Amber Duncan, of Jefferson City; one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Wally Welchel, of Eldon; one daughter-in-law; four grandchildren; his mother, Sarah Duncan, of Eldon; seven brothers and two sisters.
Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, February 4, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 5, at First Baptist Church, Eldon. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett.


Dorothy Livingston, 81, of Holts Summit, passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at St. Johns Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, MO. She was born January 21, 1926, in Springfield, Mo., the daughter of the late William L. and Maude (Johnson) Atwell. She was married on June 3, 1944, to Louis A. Livingston who preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1991.

Dorothy was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will be dearly missed. She attended and graduated from Reed High School in Springfield, MO. Dorothy retired from Unity Village in Lees Summit; Mo. In 1991, she moved to Holts Summit and worked for Dr. Kenneth E. Schafermeyer until 1996. Dorothy also volunteered in the Samaritan Center Dental Clinic.

Mrs. Livingston is survived by one son, William L. Livingston and wife Marilyn of Ocala, Fla.; one daughter, Carolyn S. Maxey and husband Myron of Holts Summit, Mo.; four grandchildren, Paula Carter, Dan Livingston, Sarah Hyman and Darren Maxey; 12 great-grandchildren and two sisters, Wilma Williams of Lees Summit, Mo., and Juanita Mace of Rolla, MO. Along with her husband, she was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Wilson and Helen Atwell.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Debo Funeral Home in Holts Summit, Mo. with Pastor Bruce Williamson officiating. Burial will follow in Summit Memorial Park. Family will receive friends on Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Samaritan Center, 1310 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, February 8, 2007

Bill Seebold Sr., 91, a boat racing national champion who launched a six-decade family racing dynasty, died of natural causes at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, February 1, 2007. Mr. Seebold was a native of Granite City, Ill., and resided there until 1973, when he relocated to his 195-acre farm in Iberia, Mo. He was a longtime member of the Granite City Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Seebold, known to the boat racing community across the U.S. as "Grandpa" Seebold, was a skilled machinist who built his own boats and engines and specialized in propeller modification.

"All I ever thought of was boats, boars, boats," he once said. "In 1938 I built my first boat in my basement and bought a one-cylinder engine for $15. Then I just rode up and down the Mississippi. I didn't go very fast, only about seven miles an hour downstream and a mile an hour up. But I loved it."

After World War II, Mr. Seebold built a runabout capable of 58 m.p.h. and began competing in regional and national boat races. In 1955 and 1956 he won championships in the C Racing Runabout and C Racing Hydro classes of the National Outboard Association. He retired from driving racing boats in 1960, but continued to serve as crew chief for his son, Bill Seebold Jr., and later grandsons Mike Seebold and Tim Seebold. All three have won national and world championships.

Mr. Seebold entered the marine business in 1949, operating first out of the family basement and later from Granite City Boat & Motor on Madison Avenue. He sold the business in 1973. Mr. Seebold is survived by his wife of 68 years, Pauline Burnert Seebold; two children, Bill (Lynne) Seebold Jr. and Annette (Michael) Gillis; grandchildren Mike (Lori) Seebold, Kim (Nick) Dochwat, Tim (Debbie) Seebold, Cathy (Dennis) Reising and , Billy Seebold III; and great-grandchildren Adam (Chryystal) Bernaix, Haley Dochwat and Cally and Katy Reising.
Visitation was held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 6, at Irwin Chapel, 591 Glen Crossing Road, Glen Carbon, Ill. 62034. Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 7, at the chapel. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Church, 3 Bonnie Drive, Iberia, MO 65486; or Legacy Powerboat Ministry, P.O. Box 373, Evinston, FL 32633.

Alfred W. Andres, 84, of Henley, MO., died Friday, February 2, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center (Jefferson City). He was born July 20, 1922, in Mary's Home, MO, the son of Joseph and Mary Schulte Andres.

Alfred attended elementary school at Our Lady of the Snows School, Klindt School and Sanning School in the Mary's Home Community, as well as one year in St. Louis. He was married on December 16, 1950, in Harrison, AR, to Helen Goetz. In their 56 years of marriage they resided in the Eugene and Brazito area.

Alfred was a World War II Army Veteran. Alfred enlisted in March 1944. He received his basic training in Camp Blanding Florida. In May 1944 he was sent to Europe as part of the 44th Armored Division of the 2nd Infantry Regiment. He saw his first action in the D-Day Invasion. He was part of the European campaign in France, Holland and Belgium. He served as a head machine gunner until January 5, 1945 when he was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. When recovered from his injuries, the European armistice had been signed and he continued to serve in a vehicle deployment compound in France.

Alfred grew up farming. In his teen years he worked on local farms as well as on farms in Nebraska. He later owned and operated his own farm. He was a self-taught veterinarian. He also broke and trained horses for farm work and for riding. He competed in both horse shows and rodeos.

In the 1950's he was the manager of the Eugene MFA. He later worked at Capital Supply Company, and as an electrician with the IBEW. In 1971 he began work as an electrician for the Missouri State Highway Patrol from which he retired in 1987. Throughout his adult life, Alfred was also self-employed as an electrician, plumber and doing pump service work.

Alfred was a lifelong member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary's Home, Missouri. He served on the Eugene Telephone Board and Town Council. He was a founding member of the Brazito Honey Creek Lions. He was a member of . He was a member of DAV, Chapter 17.

Survivors include his wife Helen, two daughters, Clarine Hart and her husband Cledis of Henley, and Myrna Andres of Jefferson City, and her fiance Todd Phillips of Eldon, one grandson Travis Hart and Todd's children Jeremiah, Gabrielle and Heidi Phillips. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his twin brother Ambrose Andres, two brothers George Andres and Eugene Andres, and six sisters Francis Newman, Sophie Schweiss, Lucille Schultz, Ida Schwaller, Anna Tellman and Betty Tellman.

Visitation was held 4-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2007 at Phillips Funeral Chapel in Mary's Home, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, with Father Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran (Honey Creek) Cemetery. Full Military honors were held at graveside.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 17, Monticello Rd., Jefferson City.

Barbara 'Faye' Clas, 66, of Meta ' died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City following a lengthy illness. She was born Oct. 10, 1940, in Tampa, Fla., to the late Robert and Esther Wasden. On Dec. 30, 1956, she was married in Baltimore, Md., to Ronald Henry Clas Sr., who survives at the home.
Mrs. Clas was owner and head chef of the House Cafe in Meta for 24 years. She retired two years ago due to her illness.

Also surviving her are two daughters, Kim Wallace and Stephanie Burns, both of Jefferson City; a son, Ronald Clas Jr. of the home; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four brothers, Bob Wasden of South Carolina, Ray Wasden of Arizona, Ronnie Wasden of Georgia and Larry Wasden of Florida; and a sister, Bobby Jean Phillips of Florida.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, with a eulogy at 7 p.m., at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, February 9, 2007

Natholee Wood, 79, of Eldon, Mo., died on February 6, 2007, in Eldon, Mo. Survivors include: husband, Clinton J. Wood; two sons, Dennis Wood and Steve Wood; four grandchildren; Roger Wood, Mandy Koleszar, Susan Wood and Nicole Wood; three great grandchildren, Bennett, Collin and Burke; four sisters, Ann Deffenbaugh, Nina Williamson, Martha Bashore, and Ruby Tucker; one brother, David Vernon.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 10, at the First Baptist Church in Eldon, Mo. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Wednesday, February 14, 2007

Mary Lou Bax, 69, of Jefferson City, died Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Missouri, after fighting a brave battle of Leukemia. She was born August 20, 1937, in Glasgow, Missouri, a daughter of Vernon and Elizabeth (Tillery) Sellmeyer. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Glasgow, Missouri and was a graduate of Glasgow High School. On February 16, 1957, she was united in marriage in Glasgow, Missouri, to Harold Bax, who survives at the home. Mary Lou worked for the Department of Revenue from 1954 - 1962, and with SAMCO Business Supply from 1962 until her retirement in 2004.

She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary and was a participant in the Relay For Life Cancer Walk. She enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals, but her greatest passion in life was attending her grandchildren's sporting events. She is also survived by five children: Rebecca Imhoff (husband Jon) of Jefferson City; Shelly Bax of Jefferson City; Rene Maxey (husband Clyde) of Jefferson City; Kent Bax (wife Kelley) of Jefferson City; Roxanne Schnieders (companion Marty Sargent) of Jefferson City; one sister: Marti Clements of Jefferson City; two brothers: Vernon Sellmeyer of Kansas City, Mo.; Don Sellmeyer of Tempe, Ariz.; eight grandchildren: Matthew Imhoff, Cara Imhoff, Clinton Maxey, Kendra Maxey, Corey Bax, Adam Bax, Logan Bax, Elizabeth Schnieders, and one grandchild on the way. She was preceded in death by a brother: Jerry Sellmeyer.

Friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, with a prayer service to be held at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 16, 2007, at the St. Peter Catholic Church with Monsignor Donald W. Lammers officiating. Mary Lou will be laid to rest on her and Harold's 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the St. Peter's Capital Campaign. Arrangements are under the direction of the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street; 636-3838.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, February 15, 2007

Elaine Adams, 67, Iberia, died Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at Phelps County Regional Medical Center. She was born May 12, 1939, a daughter of the late Martin and Edna Schulenberg. On May 25, 1957, she was married to Loren L. Adams Jr., who died April 26, 1977.

Mrs. Adams and her husband owned and operated Adams market in downtown Iberia for many years. She was a member of the Iberia First Baptist Church.
Surviving are a son and his wife, Raymond and Jennifer Adams of Dixon; two daughters and their husbands, Charlotte and Mike Moore of Iberia and Cheryl and Bryan McConnell of Oviedo, Fla.; nine grandchildren, Leslie Harrell, Evan Moore, Daniel Baldwin, Christina McConnell, Landon Anderson, Sidney Campbell, Avery Adams, Cody Adams and Tiffany Rowden; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ardelle Kinkead of Belle and Deloris Drown of Salisbury; and a brother, Melvin Schulenberg of Jefferson City.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with an Eastern Star service at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Glen Golden officiating. Burial will be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Dixon Nursing and Rehab Center Activities or the American Diabetes Association.


He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in the European Theater and drove Sherman tanks in Germany and helped set up communications in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Surviving are a sister, Willie A. Bryant of Greenville, S.C. A daughter, Mona Bryant, preceded him in death.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Union Cemetery near Iberia with the Rev. Roy L. Gilkey officiating. Memorials may be made to Union Cemetery.

Inez Mary Beard Eiken, 90, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Mercy Villa in Springfield. She was born March 16, 1916, in Miller County, near Ulman, to Perry and Cynthia Sons Beard. On Sept. 27, 1939, she was married to Cyril Eiken, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Eiken moved to Springfield in 1947 and was a faithful member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church for 60 years.

Surviving her are seven children and their spouses, Donald Eiken of Carthage, Mo., Robert Eiken of Kansas City, Kan., Ruth Ann and Larry Kewlner of Strafford, Dennis Eiken of Springfield, Bernard “Butch” and Leann Eiken of North Kansas City and Joyce Eiken and her husband Bruce Adib-Yazdi of Springfield; 23 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Faye McCall and Ruth Bolten.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph’s Church with Father Denis Dougherty, OSB, celebrant. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in Springfield under the direction of Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home in Springfield. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Jefferson City News-Tribune, Friday, February 16, 2007

Mary E. Hamilton, age 76, of Vienna, formerly of Crocker, died Thursday, February 15, 2007, in the Maries Manor Care Center.

Survivors include: two brothers, Norman Hamilton, Camdenton and Dale Hamilton, St. Louis; and three sisters, Evelyn Deardeuff, St. Roberts, Erelene Thornsberry, Crocker, Velma Morris, Crocker and one niece and several nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17, 2007, in the Crocker Chapel of the Long Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Crocker Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17, in the Crocker Chapel of the Long Funeral Home.
Jefferson City News Tribune, Saturday, February 17, 2007

**Ruth Duncan**, age 80, of Lake Ozark, formerly of Iberia, died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in Brumley on May 23, 1925, a daughter of Rawl and Alma Ann (Hedrick) DeVore. On July 20, 1943, she was married to Gene Duncan, who preceded her in death on January 7, 1977.

Survivors include four sons, Shirrel Duncan and wife, Nancie of Osage Beach, Rod Duncan and wife, Susan of Lake Ozark, Rick Duncan and friend, Sheri Tangsrud of Osage Beach, and Dennis Duncan and wife, Monica of Osage Beach; four daughters, Louane Holeyfield and husband, John of Blue Springs, Dorothy Taylor and husband, Dave of Osage Beach, Pam Keeth and husband, Greg of Iberia, and Beverly Luttrell and husband, Terry of Iberia; one brother, Gary DeVore of Brumley; three sisters, Billie Luttrell, Colleen O'Dell, and Melva Plemmons all of Brumley; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Jimmy Dale DeVore; and two sisters, Louise Maxine Fry and Ruby Jean Whittle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Lee Todd will officiate. Interment will be in Curry Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Curry Cemetery, 185 Cottonwood Road, Iberia, MO 65486 or the Brumley Funeral Luncheon Fund, 811 Highway C., Brumley, MO 65017.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, February 18, 2007

**Ruth Gale Hanson**, age 96, of Cincinnati, formerly of Lake Ozark, died Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at Mercy Fairfield Hospital in Fairfield, Ohio.

Survivors include: one brother, Ross Clayton of Eldon; one nephew, Jim Clayton of Decatur, Ill.; three nieces, Linda Spurgeon of Eldon, Mary Catherine Thelen of Miami, Fla. and Ruth Phillips of Hamilton, Ohio; 13 great nieces and nephews; 24 great-great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Monday, February 19, with services immediately following at 11 a.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Interment will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens near Barnett.


**Albert Henry Lindenbusch**, age 90, of St. Elizabeth, died Monday, February 19, 2007, at the home. He was born in St. Elizabeth on February 23, 1916, a son of the late Steve and Mathilda (Evers) Lindenbusch. In June 1946, in Jefferson City, he was married to Ann Haselhorst, who survives at the home.

Albert was a lifelong resident of St. Elizabeth. He was a charter member of the St. Elizabeth American Legion Post #545 and a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth; St. Joseph's Sodality; Cursillo Movement and Knights of Columbus. Albert was a past CCD instructor, communion minister and was Mayor of St. Elizabeth for eight years. Albert served in the US Army WWII Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945 as a Signal Corp Operator, Japanese Radio Code Interceptor and Interpreter. He also served in the Korean Conflict from November 1950 to August 1951. He maintained his Radio Station Operator license WØRXR until the 1980's.

After Albert returned from the Korean Conflict in 1951 he started, owned and operated Lindenbusch Repair Service. At retirement time, he only slowed down. Honesty, integrity and hard work were his principles of life. He enjoyed fishing and having a first class garden, of which he gladly shared with others.

Others who survive him include: one son, Dan Lindenbusch and wife Jane of St. Thomas; three grandchildren, Susanne Brenneke and husband John of Osage Bend, Amy Lindenbusch of St. Thomas and Marc Lindenbusch and wife Erin of St. Thomas and four great grandchildren,
Jordan, Cole, Zachary and Hannah Brenneke of Osage Bend. An infant daughter, Kathleen Mathilda Lindenbusch, also preceded him in death at birth.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 23 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB will officiate. Interment with military honors will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday at the St. Elizabeth Community Center with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Sunday Radio Mass Program or St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Renovation and Expansion Fund or SSM Hospice Program. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth.

The Times Press, Ottawa, Illinois, Friday, February 23, 2007

**Gladys (Sherrell) McDonald**, age 97, of Peru, Ill., formerly of Waynesville, Mo., died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at 1:15 a.m. At Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru. She was born near Iberia, Mo., on June 15, 1909, a daughter of the late Isaac and Livonia (Rowden) Sherrell. On Aug. 5, 1929, in Venice, Ill., she was married to Gay William McDonald, who preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1993.

Gladys was a loving and caring mother. She worked as an electrocardiograph technician at Fort Leonard Wood Hospital for more than 30 years. She was a charter member and Sunday school teacher at Westside Baptist Church in Waynesville, Mo. She loved to work in her garden and was a member of the Green Thumb Garden Club for 50 years.

She enjoyed cooking, quilting and entertaining family and friends. She was actively involved in the Brays Cemetery Association. She and her husband farmed in the Iberia community for 20 years before moving to a farm in Waynesville in 1960, where they continued farming for another 30 years.

Those who survive her include a daughter, Shirley Ford of Oglesby, Ill.; three grandchildren, Guy Ford Jr. And wife, Lori, of Ottawa, Ill., Kevin Ford and wife, Tiffany, of Mount Vernon, Ill., and Carrie Danekas and husband, Paul, of Oglesby, Ill.; and seven great-grandchildren, Christopher and Courtney Ford, Kayla and Cassie Danekas and Charissa, Karita and Blake Ford. Her son-in-law, Guy Ford Sr.; and three brothers, Clarence Sherrell of Meta, Mo., James Sherrell of Belleville, Ill., and Earl Sherrell of Iberia, Mo., also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. with services immediately following at 11 a.m. On Saturday, Feb. 24, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia, Mo. Interment will be in Brays Cemetery near Iberia.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, February 22, 2007

**Paul Hoffmeyer**, 65, of Lake Ozark died Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. He was born Jan. 23, 1942, in St. Louis to Richard and Marie Hirschbuehler Hoffmeyer. He was married Aug. 18, 1962, to Marilyn Schweffermann.

Mr. Hoffmeyer was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Elks Lodge 2517 and Dewey’s Toys for Kids in Osage Beach.

Surviving are his wife of the home; a daughter and her husband, Tammy and Allen Helmerich of Lake Ozark; a son, Richard Hoffmeyer of Lake Ozark; two sisters, Kay Hallet of Florida and Marion Probst of St. Louis; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Hodges Funeral Home in Osage Beach with the Rev. Tim Anna officiating. Memorials may be made to Dewey’s Toys for Kids or the American Cancer Society.

**Rita Marie (Himmelsbach) Yates**, age 44, of Iberia, died Sunday, February 18, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in St. Charles on March 25, 1962, a daughter of the late Frederick and Mildred (Sammelmann) Himmelsbach.
On September 2, 1989, in Foristell, she was married to her best friend and life partner, Thomas William Yates. Together, they had one son, Shane, who was the delight of his mother’s life. Tom and Shane both survive in the home. At the time of her marriage, Rita became proud step-mom to Doug and Carmen who she loved dearly. They survive with their families in Warrenton and Wright City. One of her greatest joys was being Grandma to Kyle, Tori, Austin, Brandon, Joe, Deven, Marissa, Kyler and Colton.

Rita was beloved sister to Martha (“Marty”), and sister-in-law to Jeff and proud aunt to Jeff, Nathan and Brent who survive in Florida and also sister-in-law to Betty, Bill, Delores, Donny, Elaine and Patsy. She was niece and cousin to a large family and terrific friend to a host of people in her life. One nephew, Blake, also preceded her in death.

Rita was a licensed Cosmetologist and had a successful career as a stylist and salon owner. She loved to cook and do all kinds of crafts, caring for her family was a rewarding endeavor for her and she delighted in pleasing them.

She was a proud member of the Red Hat Society in Iberia and cherished the friendships she cultivated there. She was also a member of the “Brotherhood of the Third Wheel” and enjoyed the freedom she found riding with Tom on their trike.

Rita’s life will be celebrated with a time of visitation on Wednesday, February 21, from 5-8 p.m. and a service on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Greg McClain and Rev. Glen Golden will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the American Kidney Foundation.

The family sends special thanks to the community of Iberia for their on-going support during Rita’s illness and passing. She has left a permanent mark on all of the lives she touched and loved.

Lela Fern Slawson, 87, of Port Richey, Fla., died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007 at Marliere Care Center in New Port Richey, Fla. She was born in Iberia and moved to Port Richey 37 years ago from Garnett, Kan. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jasmine Lakes, Port Tichey, Fla.

Surviving are two sons, Roger of Port Richey and Larry of New Port Richey; two grandchildren; and two great-grand-children.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Arlington Funeral Home in New Port Richey.

Lela Fern Slawson was born 19 Jan 1918 in Iberia, MO, the daughter of Jennie Jones and George Franklin Jarrett.

Newell E. Slawson, 92, of Port Richey Fla., died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006 at his home. He was born in Iberia and moved to Port Richey 37 years ago, moving from Garnett, Kan.

Mr. Slawson was an independent oil producer and owner of a machine shop. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jasmine Lakes, Port Richey, Fla.

Surviving at the time of his death was his wife, Lela Fern Slawson, who died Jan. 7. Also surviving are two sons, Roger of Port Richey and Larry of New Port Richey; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Arlington Funeral Home in New Port Richey.

Newell was born 10 January 1913 in Iberia Mo, the only child of Clara Aretta Prater and Henry Wesley Slawson.

Thelma Faye Duncan, 89, of Dixon died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at her home. She was born April 10, 1917, in Meta to Arthur and Katie Breeding Wilson. On Nov. 24, 1938, she was married in Vienna to Clinton Dora Duncan, who died Nov. 1, 1988.
Mrs. Duncan taught school in the Iberia area and also owned and operated with her husband the Iberia IGA for several years. She was a member of the Campground Christian Church at Vancleave.

Surviving her are a daughter and her husband, Linda and Bill Jeffries of Oak Leaf, Texas; two grandchildren, William Brent Jeffries of Oak Leaf, Texas, and Stephannie Lynn Prewitt of Midlothian, Texas; eight great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Goldie Brune of Brinktown, Mildred Veasman of St. Elizabeth, Virginia Ripka of Granite City, Ill., and Shirley Lough of St. Louis. One son, Eugene Duncan, died May 25, 1977.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia, with funeral services immediately following. The Rev. Manuel Seaton will officiate. Burial will be in Duncan Cemetery near Dixon. Memorial contributions may be made to Duncan Cemetery.

Leo D. Groves, 73, of Everson, Wash., died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at a care center in Bellingham, Wash. He was born July 31, 1933, in Iberia where he was reared and was graduated from high school. He then attended Aurora University in Chicago where he received his bachelor’s degree. He was married July 29, 1955, to Frances Gonser, who died in 1988.

Mr. Groves taught in central Illinois and received his administrative credentials from the University of Illinois and later a master’s degree from the University of Washington. In 1973 he and his family moved to Nooksack Valley, Wash., where he became the school district superintendent. He retired from the position in 1993. He was a member of the Sumas Advent Christian Church.

Surviving him are his sons and their wives, Dwight and Sally Groves of Lynden, Wash., Doug Groves of Bellingham, Wash., Daniel Groves of Everson, Wash., and Daryl and Marie Groves of Lynden, Wash.; eight grandchildren; his mother, Grace Groves of Iberia; three brothers, Gary Groves and Davie Groves, both of Iberia, and Joe Groves of Jefferson City; and three sisters, Judy Gilbert of Springfield, Carol Groves of St. Louis and Kathy Bonesteel of Houston, Texas. His father, Floy Groves, and a brother, Clyde Groves, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Nooksack Valley High School Performing Arts Center. Burial was in the Sumas, Wash. Cemetery under the direction of Gillies Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Sumas Advent Christian Church, 125 Front St., Sumas, WA 98225.

Anna Laurah Hanks Ott, 89, of Iberia died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born Sept. 27, 1917, in Camden County to Joseph Preston and Katherine Hightower Hanks. She was married in Lebanon to Tom Ott who preceded her in death in April 1966.

Surviving her are a daughter and her husband, Patty and Ronald Irwin of Iberia; two granddaughters, Michelle Gross of Milton, Fla., and Linda Tamez of Benton; six great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and five step-great-great-grandchildren. An infant child preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Jeff Higbie officiating. Burial was in Iberia Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center.


Mr. Connell was well-known for his garden at the corner of 11th and Walnut streets in Eldon. He gardened for more than 80 years and sold vegetables. He also farmed. He was a member of the Eastside Assembly of God Church in Eldon.
Surviving are two sons and their wives, Charles and Kathie Connell of Crocker and Marion and Jennifer Connell of Eldon; eight grandchildren, Brad, Shannon and Brandon Connell of Crocker, Chason Connell of Cedar Ridge, Colo., Ryan Connell of Jefferson City, David Taylor of Eldon, Jennill Evers of Eldon and Pennell Mistler of Hillsboro; nine great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Sylvia Bates of Jefferson City and Edna Graham and Ardis Buster, both of Eldon. Two infant children preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Rekus funeral Home in Eldon with Bro. Jim Frisby officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Eldon. Memorials may be made to the Glaucoma Foundation.

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Meredith Arlene VanFleet, age 41, of Eldon, died Wednesday, February 21, 2007, in Eldon. Survivors include: one daughter, Mallory Lawrence, Columbia; one son, Zachary VanFleet, Ozawkie, Kansas; her mother, Janet Hatten, Eldon; two brothers, Peter Armstrong, Olean, and Robert Armstrong, Eldon; one sister, Micky Raymer, Dothan, Ala.; and her grandmother, Arlene "Walton" Schreiber, Eldon; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, February 24, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon.


Raymond Frank Bax, age 92, of St. Elizabeth, Mo., died Thursday, February 22, 2007. He is survived by two daughters: Sheila Marie Bax, Columbia, Mo., and Donna Jean Griggs, Hammond, Ind.; five grandchildren; and one brother: Arthur Bax. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Agnes Amelia Bax; two brothers, Ignatius Bax & Hugo Bax; three sisters, Alice Hellebusch, Leona Ortbalts and Ledwina Bode.

Visitation will be from 11-12:30 Sunday, February 25, at Myers Funeral Home, Wellsville. Funeral Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 25, at the Resurrection Catholic Church in Wellsville, with the Rev. Mark Smith officiating. Burial in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Wellsville, Mo.

Mary Jo Cardwell, age 68, of Meta, died Friday, February 23, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Care Center, after a long battle with breast cancer. She was born July 26, 1939, in Cooper County, to Thomas and Violet Abbott. She worked for Probation and Parole and then moved to Olympia, Washington, where she worked for Maple Lane until her retirement.

She is survived by a half-brother, Jerry Wright, Jefferson City; one brother, David Abbott; one daughter, Linda Mertens, Meta; two sons, Mark Johnson and his wife Julia, Jefferson City, and Joseph Cardwell, Columbia; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Francis.

Memorial Services will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, February 25, at the Meta Christian Church, with Eulogy at 3 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in Mary's name.


He is survived by two sons, Charles Daniels Jr. and wife Rosemary of Barnett, Terry Lee Daniels and wife Kathy of Middleburg, Fla.; three sisters, Eloise Sma, Annie McIntosh, and Babe Ward, all of Blair, Nebraska; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hertha Peterson; a daughter, Luscynda Smith; four brothers and three sisters.

A private family internment will be held at a later date in the Hopewell Cemetery.
Mrs. Esther F. Knight, age 90 years, of Eldon, Mo., died Sunday, February 25, 2007, at the Lake Regional Health Center. Mrs. Knight was born June 25, 1916, in Mary's Home, Mo., the daughter of John Q. and Bettie W. Hamacher Farley, both deceased. She was married on July 13, 1936, in Olathe, Kansas, to Herbert C. Knight, who survives.

A homemaker, Mrs. Knight was a lifelong resident of the central Missouri area. She was a 50 year member of the Victoria Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star; and a 50 year member of the Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie 2693.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sue Fletcher and her husband Larry of Lake Ozark, Mo.; three granddaughters, Tracy Upschulte and her husband Kevin of Jefferson City, Mo., Tricia Wang and her husband Joseph of Jefferson City, Mo., and Laura Mullins and her husband Bill of Camdenton, Mo.; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Graveside services and interment will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Miller County, Mo., with the Reverend Jimmie Dace officiating. Visitation will be at the Freeman Mortuary from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Assn. or the Eldon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.
minor in Asian Studies and English at the University of Nebraska. He spent one year in Japan as an exchange student, and later returned to Japan to teach English for a total of 4 years.

When he returned to mid-Missouri in 1985, he obtained his Master’s Degree in Library Science at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Lloyd worked at the Thomas Jefferson Library in Jefferson City for 8 years, then went on to supervise Library Extension work for the Heartland Regional Library System for 13 years until his death.

Lloyd loved music, art, geography, literature, theatre and movies. He is also survived by two brothers and two sisters: Leo Petersen and wife Dena of Clinton, AR and Mike Peterson of Austin, TX; Dawn Fitch and husband John of Clinton, AR, and Nita Linn and husband Shannon, also of Clinton, AR. He is also survived by niece Jena and nephew Leo.

A Celebration of Lloyd’s Life will be held Saturday, March 3, 2007, at the Riechmann Pavilion located at Stephens Lake Park, 2300 E. Walnut in Columbia, MO. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a Memorial Service beginning at 1 p.m.

Venita Imogene Voight, 77, of Rolla died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at Golden Living Center in St. James. She was born Feb. 12, 1930, in Miller County to Lacy and Mary (Perkins/DeLong) Wood of Eldon. In 1949, she was married to William Max Voight, who survives at the home in Rolla.

Mrs. Voight professed her faith at an early age and was a member of the Highway E. Church of Christ in Rolla. She worked for Boatman’s Bank and as a property manager for the J.A. Peterson Company and Bill Stoltz Realty Company in Rolla, retiring in 1985. She became an accomplished china painter and served as president of the Central Missouri China Artists.

In addition to her husband she is survived by a brother, Vincel Wood, of Cuba, MO; four children, William “Bill” Voight of Jefferson City; Ronald “Ron” Voight and wife Patty of Rolla, Clifford Voight and wife Becky of Rolla and Mary Jane Foster and husband Douglas of Houston, TX; her grandchildren, Ronnie Voight, Ryan Voight, both of Rolla, Adam William Voight of Boonville, Lacy Voight of Jefferson City, Brian Foster and Jayme Foster, both of Houston, TX, Emily Knapp of St. Louis, John Glover of Omaha, NE, and Katy Glover of Columbia; and her great-grandchildren, Lily Spier, Lydia Spier and Minna Glover of Omaha, NE, Hallie Galvan of Columbia and Makayla Voight of Rolla.

Visitation was held from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the James and Gahr Mortuary in Rolla. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the mortuary with the Rev. Martin Rinehart officiating. Burial will be in Ozark Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Phelps County Animal Rescue League, P.O. Box 1981, Rolla, MO 65402.

Allman Merrell “Shorty” Musick, 90, of Brumley died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007. Funeral services were held Saturday at Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley under the direction of Hedges Funeral Home of Osage Beach.

He was born Sept. 12, 1916, to Joseph and Ethel Pierce Musick. Mr. Musick worked for many years as a farm hand in the Brumley area and also as a dishwasher at Tan-Tar-A Resort.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, a brother and six sisters. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, March 2, 2007

John H. Pryor Jr., 63, Eldon, Mo., died Wednesday, February 28, 2007, in Osage Beach, Mo. He was born May 31, 1943, the son of John H. Pryor Sr. and Mary (Green) Pryor. He was married March 29, 1975, to Henrietta (Myers) Pryor, who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: two daughters, Johnna M. Sandella of Granite City, Illinois and Julie D. Butler of Grain Valley, Missouri; three grandchildren, Zane Butler, Dominic Sandella and Sophia Sandella.
Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2007, at the funeral home with Rev. Gene Edwards officiating.


Beulah M. Stewart, age 80, of Eldon, Mo., died on March 1, 2007, in Jefferson City. She was born the daughter of William Kelly & Elsie Jane (Waters) Bottoms on May 6, 1926. She married Eugene Gerald Stewart on November 7, 1944, in Kansas City, Mo. He preceded her in death on November 30, 1997.

She worked at the Missouri Division of Social Services and she was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church of Eldon.

Survivors include: four sons; Bob Stewart of Camdenton, Mo., Tom Stewart of Eldon, Mo., Jim Stewart of Eldon, Mo. and Don Stewart of Barnett, Mo.; one daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Mark Helms of Eldon, Mo.; two sisters, Edith Brown of Lapeer, Mich. and Joan McMillan of Fayette, Mo.; nine grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Along with her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, daughter-in-law Debbie (Baucom) Stewart; five sisters, Lila Stark, Aldyth Vaughan, Margarite Bottoms, Ruth Admire and Loraine Quinn; three brothers, Cling, Clyde and Roy Bottoms.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, Mo. with the Rev. Fredrick Elskamp officiating. Internment will be in the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m. Sunday March 4. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo.


Martha Catherine Berendzen, 93, of Mary’s Home, died Friday, March 2, 2007, in Jefferson City. She was born June 10, 1913, in St. Elizabeth, a daughter of Joseph and Anna Dickneite Bax. Martha was married November 17, 1937, in St. Elizabeth, to Clem J. Berendzen, who preceded her in death on June 19, 1993.

A homemaker, she helped operate Clem’s Store in Mary’s Home from 1959 to 1976. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary’s Home Ladies Sodality, Legion of Mary, and the Mary’s Home Senior Citizen Club. She was a devoted mother of ten children and found joy and comfort in being with her family.

Survivors include: three sons, James Berendzen and wife Ann, Centertown, Tom Berendzen and wife Maria of Clearwater, Fla., and Dan Berendzen and wife Carol of Wardsville; six daughters, Delores Schulte and husband, Mel, of Jefferson City, Dottie Kempker and husband Ed of Jefferson City, Darlene Wallis and husband Ron of Eugene, Rosanna Weidinger and husband Bill of Eldon, Marsha Hayes and husband Denny of Jefferson City and Mary Jo Fox and husband Ron of Henley; one daughter-in-law, Betty Berendzen of Holts Summit; one brother, Anton Bax of St. Elizabeth; 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. One son, William Berendzen, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held at the Phillips Funeral Home in Mary’s Home on Sunday, March 4, from 3-8 p.m. The Rosary will be prayed at 3 p.m. and prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 5, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church at 11 a.m. with Rev. Clarence Weiderholt officiating. Burial will be in Our Lady of the Snows Church Cemetery, Mary’s Home. Memorials are suggested to Our Lady of the Snows Church or Mary’s Home Senior Villa.
Ivy M. Chitwood Randolph, 97 of Meta, died Thursday, March 1, 2007, at Jefferson City Nursing and Rehab Center. She was born July 31, 1909, in Shannon County to Wayne and Eva Stroups Chitwood. In August 1929, she was married in Shannon County to George Randolph, who died Dec. 29, 1983.

Surviving her are a daughter and son-in-law, June and David Robbins of St. Louis; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Bertie Randolph of Meta; four grandchildren, Debra Clinton and Brenda Leverette, both of St. Louis; Bradley Randolph of Kansas City and Scott Randolph of Jefferson City; seven great-grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; and two sisters, Gladys Bailey of Reynolds and Katherine Davis of Ellington. Three sons, Jesse Earl, George Ray and Lyndell Lee Randolph, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta with the Rev. Manuel Seaton officiating. Burial was in Southside Cemetery near Meta. Memorials may be made to River City Hospice.

Marvin D. Bond, 59, of Eldon, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. He was born Sept. 6, 1947, in Eugene to Howard Eugene and Evelyn Faye Buster Bond. On April 1, 1967, he was married in the Bagnell Baptist Church to Roma Byrd, who survives at the home.

Mr. Bond was a member of the American Fox Trotters Association and showed horses. He was a member of the Brumley Christian Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Duane E. Bond and wife Tammy of Elgin, S.C.; a daughter, Sheila M. Bond of Eldon; five grandchildren, Katlin, Randy and Rachel Bond and Travis and Tyler Graham; and a brother, Ronald E. Bond of Melbourne, Flan.

Visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m. Friday with services immediately following at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Gene Edwards will officiate. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery near Kaiser.

Delores Martha Schillers, 63, of Jefferson City, died Thursday, March 1, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born April 5, 1943, in St. Elizabeth to William and Martha Boeckman Brenneke. She was married on May 19, 1973, in St. Elizabeth to Bernard John Schillers who died on June 22, 1996.

She was a graduate of St. Elizabeth High School. Mrs. Schillers was employed as a housekeeper with Jefferson City Manor Care Center. She was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Bryan Starke, East Lynne and Lisa and Justin Spears of Fayetteville, N.C.; two sons, Bernard Schillers, Jefferson City; and John Schillers, Linn; one granddaughter, Brooke Spears; seven sisters, Catherine Rehagen of St. Elizabeth, Arlene Libbert of Barnett, Rita Burks of Camdenton, Rosemary Kempker of Eugene, Clara Hoecker of St. Elizabeth, Annie Baron of Tuscumbia and Dorothy Lackman, Apple Creek, Ohio; and two brothers, William Brenneke of Oswego, Ill., and Herman Brenneke of Jefferson City. She also was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son, Christopher Schillers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at noon Tuesday at St. Martin Catholic Church with the Rev. Edwin A. Schmidt officiating. Burial was in St. Martin Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, 2413 Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Harvey S. Thompson, 84, of Kaiser died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in Osage Beach. He was born Dec. 29, 1922, in Morgan County to Snoden James and Barbara Ann Parks Thompson. He was married Oct. 25, 1959, to Anna Jesse Thompson, who survives at the home.

Mr. Thompson served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Riverview Baptist Church in Osage Beach, where he was a nursery worker for 36 years.
He also is survived by two daughters, Patricia VanHooser and Betty Carroll, both of Kaiser; two grandchildren, Holly and Kyle Carroll; and a sister, Jennie Wheatly of Sedalila.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Funeral home with the Rev. Chuck Phillips and the Rev. Charlie Kempf officiating. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery at Tipton.


Tina Renee Webb, 38, Olean, Mo., died Saturday, March 3, 2007, in Olean Mo. She was born June 17, 1968, the daughter of Donald Hall and Marsha (Nutt) Hall. She was married July 6, 1986, to Gregory H. Webb, who survives.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Rachel Webb; one son, Justin Webb; her father, Donald Hall; paternal grandparents, Melvin and Barbara Hall; three sisters, Beth Hall, Charity Hall and Tiffany Hall; and two brothers, Terry Hall and Daniel Hall.

A Celebration of Life will be at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2007, at the residence of Melvin and Barbara (Bobby) Hall, Tuscumbia, Mo. Her body has been cremated and interment will be at a later date.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, March 15, 2007

Mamie Witt Bilyeu, 96, of Eldon died Thursday, March 8, 2007, in Eldon. She was born Feb. 28, 1911, in Brumley to William and Emma Jane Wright Witt. She was married in 1938 to Ed Harbison, who died in 1973. In 1977, she was married to Edgar Bilyeu, who died in 1984.

Mrs. Bilyeu worked as a sewing machine operator for 38 years at Glaser Brothers Pants Factory. She also farmed at Tuscumbia. She attended Tuscumbia and Lawson schools.

Surviving her are a step-granddaughter, Patty Draves of Garnett, Kan.; five nieces, Ruby Tucker of Eldon, Laverne Ochocki of Lombard, Ill., Nina Strange of Littleton, Colo., Mary Strange of New Mexico and Betty Madrid of Kansas City; and two nephews, David Vernon of Eldon and Bob Harbison of Lawton, Okla.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Jim McGowin officiating. Burial was in New Hope Cemetery at Kaiser.

Franklin Levi “Frankie” Farris, 91, of Waynesville died Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at St. John’s Hospital in Lebanon. He was born Jan 4, 1916, at Fort Leonard Wood to James Henry and Polly Anne Lewis Farris. He was married Oct. 23, 1979, in Lebanon to Sandra Annette Leggett, who survives in Waynesville.

Mr. Farris was instrumental in establishing the Gospel Ridge Cemetery at St. Robert, where he also served as a board member. He was a lifetime farmer near Wahyesville, drove a school bus for the Waynesville School District and was a self-employed truck driver.

Also surviving him are two daughters, Norma Farris of St. Robert and Anna Calhoun of Clinton, Ohio; a step-son, Keith Johnson; three step-daughters, Leslie Forester of Rolla, Jackie Gilmore of Richland and Vickie Tousend of St. Robert; a brother, Lester Farris of Kansas City; 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two children, James William Farris and Charlotte Farris.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waynesville with Pastor Russell Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Gospel Ridge Cemetery in St. Robert under the direction of Long Funeral Home of Crocker. Memorials may be made to the Gospel Ridge Cemetery Perpetual Care fund.

Virginia Pearl Armstrong Johnson, 65, of Iberia died Thursday, March 8, 2007, in Osage Beach. She was born July 14, 1941, in Farmington, N.M., to Ned W. and Amy Farr
Armstrong. She was married Nov. 25, 1960, in Winslow, Ariz., to Dale N. Johnson who died Jan. 17, 2003. She was sealed Sept. 29, 1966, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Osage Beach.


Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Osage Beach with Bishop Evan Connell officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery at Sumner. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Shirley Janette Miller Matthews Hemma, 68, died Nov. 23, 2006 with her son Tim at her side. She was born May 1, 1938, in Maries County to Lewis Ellis and Martha Isabelle Boulware Miller. She was married Feb. 16, 1991, to William L. Hemma of Fresno, Calif., who survives in San Antonio, Texas.

She was married to M.D. (David) Matthews on June 16, 1957, and they divorced in April 1985. Mrs. Hemma was admitted to nursing home care in November 2004 after a severe illness, surgery, a heart attack and a number of strokes.

Surviving her in addition to her husband are four children and their spouses, Kenneth David and Pam Matthews of Lebanon, Beth Malynda Matthews Hanson of Parker, Colo., Timothy Wayne and Miranda Matthews of Buttonwillow, Calif., and Kimberly Dawn and Frank Hough of Benson, Ariz.; five step-children; her grandchildren, Mattea and Aurora Hanson of Parker, Colo., Jordan and Taylor Matthews of Fresno, Calif., Emma Matthews of Buttonwillow, Calif., and Jonathan and Jacob Smith of Benson, Ariz.; 17 step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and a sister and three brothers, Nola Mae Miller Filley and Kenneth Leoral Miller, both of Dixon, Donald Ellis Miller of Yuma, Ariz., and George Wesley Miller of Midlothian, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in keeping with her wishes, she was cremated and will be buried near her father in Kenner Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the nursing home of the donor’s choice. Condolences may be sent to Lynn Hanson, 10940 S. Parker Road, No. 173, Parker CO 80134.

Emma Bonnadell Clibourn Enloe, age 90, our beloved mother and grandmother, died Thursday, March 15, 2007, peacefully at her home in New York City surrounded by family and friends. She was born August 21, 1916, near Russellville, Missouri, a daughter of Charles Adolph and Estella Clibourn, who preceded her in death, as did her sister, Margaret Clibourn Pealer, and her brother, James Clibourn.

Mrs. Enloe was born on her family's farm in Cole County, Missouri, where she grew up before graduating from Jefferson City High School. She worked for many years in the Missouri Department of Revenue and later as an administrator at Charles E. Still Hospital. Mrs. Enloe was an active member of the First Baptist Church and a regular participant in local Democratic politics.

Mrs. Enloe leaves a daughter, Sharon E. Baum; and a son, David H. Enloe; both of Manhattan, where Mrs. Enloe lived and worked for over 40 years after joining her children there.
She is also survived by two sons-in-law, Stephen H. Baum and Ronald Harte; as well as a grandson, Benjamin Clibourn Baum and his wife Heather Gaillard of Minneapolis; and a second grandson, Samuel David Baum, of Los Angeles.

A private funeral service was held Saturday, March 17, at the Church of the Resurrection in Manhattan, with interment in a local New York City Cemetery. Her spirit of strength and determination will be an inspiration to all of us for the rest of our lives. The family requests that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Jefferson City Missouri, or to Ms. Trudy Lampert, I Love Animals, 136 East 64th Street, New York, NY 10021.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, March 22, 2007

**Carlotta M. Bond.** 89, of Wapato, Washington, died Monday, March 12, 2007. She was born May 30, 1917, near Brumley to Josephus and Marinda Phillips Percival. She was married May 22, 1934, and they moved to Washington in 1948. Mr. Bond died in 1974.

Even though she called Washington her home for many yeas, a part of her always remained in Miller and Camden counties.

Mrs. Bond worked for the Wapato School District for more than 21 years, retiring in 1973. After retirement, she became active in volunteer work, helping senior citizens, Young Life, and other youth groups. She participated in the Wapato Police Citizens’ Academy.

She was an active member of the Wapato Christian Church. She taught Sunday school, provided floral arrangements from her garden, played piano and organized potlucks.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Wayne and Sally Bond of Daytona Beach, Florida, Carlisle and Don Ibatuan of Toppenish, Washington, Peggy Miller of Bothell, Washington, Cherie and Jeff Bond-Brickey of Seattle, Washington, and Rhonda and Dale Cyr of Spokane, Washington; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; a niece, Joyce Watkins of Iberia, and several great nieces and nephews, all of Missouri. She also was preceded in death by a daughter Chrystal in 1939 and a sister Celeste in 1981.

Funeral services provided by Merritt Funeral Home, Wapato, Washington, were held Thursday, March 15, with burial at West Hill Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

**Amy E. Barnhouse.** 48, died on Sun., March 18, 2007, in Eldon, Mo. She was born March 11, 1959, in Englewood, Calif., to Richard Dean and Rosalie Belair Fairman, who survive in Wright City. On July 21, 1984, she was married in Eldon to Stephens Barnhouse, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Barnhouse was a secretary for the state of Missouri. She was a member of the Eldon First Assembly of God Church, the Eldon Saddle club, the Order of the Eastern Star and Relay for Life and was a past commander of the State Department of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary and currently was serving as Adjutant of Unit 17.

Also surviving her are a daughter, Elizabeth A. Barnhouse of the home; one son, Andrew S. Barnhouse of the home; a sister, Bonnie Smith of Indianapolis, Ind.; and two brothers, Richard Fairman and Arland Fairman of St. Peters.

Visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday at the Eldon First Assembly of God Church. An Eastern Star service will be made at 1:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held immediately following with the Rev. James Hedrick officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Relay for Life, Order of the Eastern Star or Masonic Homes of Missouri.

**Waunetta L. Brown,** 84, of Columbia died Thursday, March 15, 2007. She was born June 27, 1922, in Iberia to James Clint and Anna Meredith. On April 29, 1989 she was married in Springfield to Alfred Perry, who survives at the home. She previously was married to Uel “Doc” Brown for a number of years. He preceded her in death.
Ms. Brown worked for several years in the nursing profession. An accomplished seamstress, she crafted clothing for many people. She was a member of the St. Charles First Baptist Church for 45 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a brother, Gail C. Meredith of Centralia; a sister, Pauline Stark of Eldon; two nieces and two nephews, Kay Lewis of Columbia, Dee Morgan of Washington, Mo., Mark Stark of Lake Ozark and Ronald Stark of the state of California. A younger sister, Geneva Meredith, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev., Jay Quinn officiating. Burial was in Eldon Cemetery.

Brandt Cantwell, 93, of Odessa, Mo., died Saturday, March 17, 2007, at St. Mary’s Medical Center. He was born March 26, 1913, in Purvis to Shelvia and Zona Vaughn Cantwell. He had lived in Independence for 40 years until he and his wife moved to Odessa several years ago. His wife of 72 years, Opal Bell Cantwell, died in 2005.

Surviving him are his daughter-in-law, Kaye Cantwell; three grandchildren, Terri and husband Joe Coffey, William M. Cantwell and Tami and husband Tony Schallenberg; and three great-grandchildren, Joey Coffey and Alyssa and Sidney Schallenberg. Other relatives survive in this area. He was preceded in death by William James Cantwell.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Speaks Suburban Chapel with burial in Flora Hills East Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Chuck Dyer, 51, of Crocker died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at St. John’s Hospital-Lebanon. He was born Jan. 20, 1956, in Springfield, Ill., to Floyd Eugene and Sarah Belle Farley Dyer. On Oct. 4, 1980, he was married at Crocker to Paula Marie Pierce, who survives at the home. Mr. Dyer was a self-employed mechanic.

Also surviving him are his mother, Sarah Belle Orr of Springfield, Ill.; three sons, Chuck Dyer II of Springfield, Ill., and Jeremy Dyer and Travis Pierce, both of Crocker; five brothers, Buddy Dyer, James Dyer, Willie Ellenburg and Walter Ellenburg, all of Springfield, Ill., and Eddie Orr, stationed in Guam; a step-brother, Jesse Farley of Waverly, Ill.; a sister, Sara Jo Strutton of Iberia; five grandchildren, Jesse Pierce, Elijah Pierce, Katelin Pierce and Larissa Steward and Kimberlin Pierce. Preceding him in death were his father, Floyd Eugene Dyer, his stepfather, Junior Farley, and his stepmother, Frances Dyer.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Long Funeral Home in Crocker with Bro. Rick Smith of Crocker officiating. Burial was in Antioch Cemetery near Crocker. Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Rev. Larry K. Etherton, age 63, died March 3, 2007, in Kirkwood. He was born May 6, 1943, in Brookfield to the late Orville and Helen Etherton of Republic. On March 24, 1962, he was married in Grandview to Mary Ruth (Ruthie) Eddings, who survives at the home.

Rev. Etherton was a 1961 graduate of Breckenridge High School and served in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1966. He attended Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar and Hannibal LaGrange College in Hannibal.

Rev Etherton began his service in the ministry at age 13 when he was saved during a Wednesday night prayer service at the Assembly of God Church in Breckenridge. Rev. Etherton was first licensed to the ministry at Breckenridge Baptist Church and later ordained at the Union Baptist Church in Mexico, MO.

He served as pastor of four Southern Baptist churches: Rockville Baptist Church in Rockville, Mo. (1970-1971), Union Baptist Church in Mexico, Mo. (1971-1977), Hallsville Baptist Church in Hallsville (1977-1988), and Hickory Point Baptist Church near Iberia. At the time of his death he was a member of Cornerstone Church where his son, Rev. Robbie Etherton is the pastor. He also served as vice chairman of the Board of Directors for Cornerstone Church.
In addition to his life in the ministry, Rev. Etherton is the author of the best selling book “Country Preacher” and the forth-coming Larry K. Etherton’s Daily Devotional.

Rev. Etherton is also survived by four children, Annette and husband Randy Bradley, Master (Gunny) Sergeant Kenneth and wife Jeanne Etherton, Rev. Robbie and wife Diana Etherton, and Todd and wife Laurie Etherton; one brother, Jack Etherton of Liberty; one sister, the Honorable Mayor Carol Walker of Urbana; 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday, March 7, in Breckenridge, with burial and full military honors in Rose Hill Cemetery in Breckenridge. Arrangements are under the direction of Pitts Funeral Home in Breckenridge.


Phylis Ruth Bacon, 86, of Jefferson City, died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at the Villa Marie Skilled Nursing Facility. She was born September 26, 1920, in Etterville, Missouri, a daughter of the late Ed Farley & Ruth (Winters) Farley-Hostetter.

She attended Etterville Public Schools in Etterville, Missouri. On November 25, 1939, she was united in marriage to George Miller Bacon, who preceded her in death on May 23, 1984.

Phylis was a homemaker and enjoyed playing bingo, going to the casino, arts, crafts, ceramics, quilting and playing cards. Most of all, she especially enjoyed being with her family and grandchildren. She was a past member of the Moose Ladies Auxiliary, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and the Etterville Baptist Church.

She is survived by five daughters: Rosina Lairmore (husband Herschell) of Marshfield, Mo.; Wanda Nave (husband John) of Olathe, Kan.; Brenda Thomas (husband Roger) of Jefferson City, Mo.; Ruth Mehrhoff (husband Phil) of Tebbets, Mo.; Sherry Rackers (husband Mike) of Wardsville, Mo.; one son: George Miller Bacon Jr. (wife Mary) of Madisonville, La.; one brother: Larry Farley (wife Barbara) of Jefferson City; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son: Oliver Edward Bacon; and a grandson: Andy Nave.

Friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 26, 2007, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, with Rev. Rick Conley officiating. Additional visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Eldon, Mo. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Community Hospices of America. Arrangements are under the direction of the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Monday, March 26, 2007

Shirley Ann Brown, age 66, of Brumley, died Saturday, March 24, 2007 at Eldon Nursing and Rehab. She was born in Brumley on September 17, 1940, daughter of Earn Mart and Ollie Ann (Jeffries) Brown.

Survivors include: two brothers, Ern M. Brown of Shelton, Wash., and Emmitt E. Brown of Lohman; and two sisters, Alta Johnson of Brumley and Nina Wilson of Iberia.

Visitation will be from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley.

He served in the United States Army. His body has been cremated and private interment at Cameron. Services provided by Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Joyce Luane Whittle, age 51, of Kaiser, died March 24, 2007 at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in Waynesville Oct. 16, 1955, the daughter of Farris Earl and Donna Joan (Cochran) Whittle. She was a homemaker and a member of Concord Christian Church where she was baptized.

Survivors include her fiancé, Greg Abbett of Kaiser; two daughters, Kylee Long and husband Travis of Iberia and Stephanie Dake of Iberia; two stepchildren, Allen Ash of Iberia and Melissa Rowden of Russellville; two brothers, Earl Gene Whittle of Alamo, Texas and Tim Whittle of Iberia; and three sisters, Tammy Duncan of Iberia, Judy Whittle of Kaiser, and Jane Jeffries of Brumley; eight grandchildren and 17 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Beverly Hensley.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with Rev. Jeff Higbie officiating. Interment will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Joyce Whittle Memorial Fund.

Stuart Phillip Gainey, age 49, of Eldon, died on Saturday, March 24, 2007. Survivors include: his wife, Mary Kathleen Gainey; four stepchildren, Amy Camille Cutler, Noel James Boyer, Ellen Rae Ratcliff and Miles Lawson Boyer and their mates; four step-granddaughters, Mary, Lily, Camille, and Katrina; mother, Grace Patricia Gainey; one brother, Bob and one sister, Erin. He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby M. Gainey.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2007, at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Mo. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2007, at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo.

Claire Renae Bax, newborn daughter of Doug & Carla Bax, passed away on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at St. Mary's Health Center.

She is survived by her parents, Doug and Carla Bax of Jefferson City; two sisters, Paige Bax and Olivia Bax of the home; one brother, Dylan Bax of the home; paternal grandparents, Arlie and Jane Bax of St. Elizabeth; maternal grandparents, Mike and Sharron Schneider of Jefferson City; maternal grandparents, Carl and Jeanette Heidbreder of Jefferson City; paternal great-grandmother, Emma Schulte of Mary's Home and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Friends will be received from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 30, 2007, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, where funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Scott Musselman officiating. Interment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the March of Dimes or the Charity of the Donor's Choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, March 30, 2007

Curtis Gerald Alexander, age 84, of Eldon, formerly of Iberia, died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born near Iberia on October 26, 1922, son of Ransom A. and Sylvia Alice (Whittle) Alexander. On December 18, 1942, in Waynesville, he was married to Dora Elizabeth Irwin, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran of World War II serving three years in the Philippines. He joined the Missouri Army National Guard in 1951 and retired in 1977. He was a member of the Miller County VFW Post #2442, the Missouri Army National Guard Association, the National
Guard Association of the United States, the Lake Ozark Lions Club, and the First Christian Church in Lake Ozark where he served as Deacon and Treasurer. He volunteered for several years at Camp Wonderland near Rocky Mount.

Other survivors include three daughters, Jennifer Goff and husband Greg of Eldon, Linda Bell and husband Fred of Eldon, and Karen Bond and husband Roy Jr. of Jefferson City; one brother, Joe W. Alexander and wife JoAnn of St. James; one sister, Patsy Sein and husband Leonard of Lebanon; three grandchildren, Angela Bell, Ryan Robinett and wife Megan, and Jason Bond; and one great-grandchild, Logan Bell. His parents; one daughter; two grandchildren, Billy Fischer and Amy Fischer; and one sister, Dorothy Jones, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. James Pohl officiating. Interment with military honors will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to Camp Wonderland.

James V. Martin, age 34, of Jefferson City, formerly of Iberia, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007. He was born in Sullivan on August 24, 1972, son of Vernon Castle Jr., and Melanie (Smith) Martin. His father preceded him in death. On August 2, 1997, in Osage Beach, he was married to Sherri Ann Jones, who survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Melanie Williams of Iberia; his paternal grandmother, Flossie Martin of Iberia; one daughter, Jordyn Martin of Jefferson City; one sister, Tracie Martin of Iberia; and four nieces and nephews, Stephanie Ruelas and Michael Ruelas Jr., both of Fenton, Dylan Jones of Iberia, and Ashlyn Muessig of Columbia. His grandfather, Vernon Castle Martin Sr., also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 1 p.m. with Bro. Stan Way officiating. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

Faith Kathryn Limbach, Briana Katherine Limbach & Carrie Lee Limbach, newborn triplet daughters of Brian & Megan Limbach of Henley, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at the Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Missouri.

The girls are survived by their parents: Brian & Megan Limbach of Henley; maternal grandparents: Jerry & Martha Benningfield of Fulton; paternal grandparents: Bill & Linda Limbach of Eugene; maternal great-grandfather: Oscar Benningfield of Gibson City, Ill.; one uncle: Micah Benningfield of Mokane; two aunts: Angie Koetting of Eugene; Beth Evers of Eugene and a number of cousins.

Graveside Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2007, at the Our Lady of the Snows Parish Cemetery in Mary's Home, Missouri, with Fr. Clarence E. Wiederholt officiating. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Charity of the Donor's Choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street; 636-3838.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Monday, April 2, 2007

Rose Margaret Twehus, age 83, of St. Elizabeth, died Sunday, April 1, 2007, at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born in St. Elizabeth, on August 7, 1923, daughter of Thomas and Gertrude (Wilbers) Warden. On July 2, 1941, in St. Elizabeth, she was married to Theodore H. Twehus, who preceded her in death on August 17, 1982.

She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth, and St. Ann's Sodality. She worked for a number of years at the clothing factory in Meta and the hat factory in St. Elizabeth. She enjoyed quilting and working in the garden.

Survivors include: two sons, Robert Twehus of Jefferson City; and Dale Twehus and fiancée, Trendia of St. Elizabeth; three daughters, Rosetta Basnett and husband, Elmer of Holts
Summit; Mary Jane Snellen and husband, Ralph of Jefferson City; and Diane Edwards and husband, Roger of Tuscumbia; one sister, Josephine Boltz of Osage Beach; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and six great great-grandchildren. Her parents; one son, Kenneth Twehus; two brothers, Frank Warden and Roman Warden; and two sisters, Regina Berhorst and Eleanor Lueckenhoff, also preceded her in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB, will officiate. Interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the St. Elizabeth Community Center with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Lawrence Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Stanley J. DeGraffenreid Sr., age 71, of Rolla, passed away Friday, March 30, 2007. He was born May 15, 1935, in Kaiser, the son of the late Eleven and Ada (Byrd) DeGraffenreid. He was the youngest of ten children. He was united in marriage to Margaret "Peggy" Vance in 1969.

He retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Hull Maintenance Technician, and from UMR as a postal carrier. He was a long time member of VFW Post 2025. He is survived by his wife Margaret (Peggy); children, Sandra E. Rackers and husband Dale of Jefferson City, Robin L. Quave and husband Marty of Biloxi, Miss., Karen L. Sherbak and husband Michael of the state of Ga., John P. DeGraffenreid of Rolla, Carol N. Winschel and husband Brian of Dunlop, Ill., and Cody A. DeGraffenreid of Rolla; grandchildren, Tim Strope, Mathew Carr, Tony Quave, Parker Charles, Niccole Bishop and husband Brandon, Kayla Dock and husband Kevin, and Andrew, Luke, Zach, and Abigale Winschel; great grandchildren, Jacob, Grant, and Brooke; sisters, Mary Lois Robinet of Eldon, Lila P. Robinet of Berryville, Ark., and Ila F. Miller of Eldon; brother, Johnnie W. DeGraffenreid of Eldon; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Stanley DeGraffenreid Jr.; brothers, Preston T. DeGraffenreid, Ollen F. DeGraffenreid, and Charles E. DeGraffenreid; and sisters, Beaulah Shipley and Eulah Strutton.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 3, at James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, at James and Gahr Chapel, Rolla, with Pastor Phil Cox officiating. Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon. Memorials may be made to Phelps Regional Hospice or VFW Post 2025. Cards are available at all James and Gahr locations. All arrangements are under the direction of James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, April 6, 2007

Charlie Ahart, 77, Tuscumbia, died Wednesday, April 4, 2007, in Jefferson City. He was born May 1, 1929, in Tuscumbia to James Earl and Chlora Crane Ahart. On June 1, 1951, he was married in Eldon to June Verneice Beard, who survives at the home.

Mr. Ahart worked several years for Anchor Milling and Wright Service Station in Tuscumbia. He retired from Osage Products in Eldon. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Kyle Mason of Jefferson City, Debbie Ahart of Eldon and Kathy and Greg Snodgrass of Tuscumbia; a son Randy Ahart of Jefferson City; six grandchildren, Dawn Hackman, Jill Snodgrass, Aaron Mason, Alex Snodgrass, Rebecca Mason and Nathan Ahart; two great-grandchildren, Katelyn and Lauren Hackman; and a brother, Lonnie Ahart of Tuscumbia.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Sunday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Gene Edwards and the Rev. Danny Evans officiating. Burial was in Gott Cemetery near Tuscumbia. Memorials may be made to the Relay for Life “Bino’s Bunch.”
Clem W. Sanning, age 98, died Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at Jefferson City, Mo. He was a son of Benjamin and Catherine DeLong Sanning. He was married May 29, 1928, in Mary's Home to Frances Kempker who preceded him in death.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. He farmed, ran a thrash machine, had one of the first combines, ran a saw mill, built cabinets and raised beef cattle.

Survivors include: one daughter, Nordelle Sanning Lueckenhoff and her husband Alfred, of Jefferson City, Mo., one daughter-in-law, Martha Sanning of Jefferson City, Mo., eight grandchildren, Patricia Lyles, Dale Francis Lueckenhoff, Donnie Sanning, Darlene Rice, Diane Schnieders, Darrell Lueckenhoff, Dave Sanning and Danny Lueckenhoff, 18 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Louise Faherty of Eldon, Mo.; one brother, Clarence and his wife Nadine of Lee's Summit, Mo. and one sister-in-law, Anna Marie Sanning of Amarillo, Texas. He was also preceded in death by one son, Norman G. Sanning, Nov. 1, 2005; three brothers, Vincent, John and Ray Sanning, and two sisters, Angeline Bungart and Pauline Looten.

Visitation will be from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home in Mary's Home, with a Rosary prayed at 5:00 p.m. and a Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, 2007. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 9, 2007, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, with Reverend Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Internment will be in the parish cemetery in Mary's Home.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, April 8, 2007

Margaret Henrietta Bax, 91, of Jefferson City, died Friday, April 6, 2007, at St. Joseph Home for the Aged. She was born May 25, 1915, in St. Thomas, Mo., the daughter of Henry and Anna Sommer Schulte. She was married November 28, 1945, in St. Thomas, to Adolph Frank Bax, who died on December 18, 1995.

A homemaker, Mrs. Bax was employed with St. Elizabeth Public School, and later as a clerk with the Missouri Dept. of Revenue until retiring in 1977. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph and Bernice Bax, Eldon, Mo., and Dennis and Ann Bax, Jefferson City; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Marcia and Steve Slaughter, Brazito, Mo., and Judith and Leonard Hoelscher, Osage Bend, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, Melissa Nichols, Michael Bax, Matthew Bax, Cindy Dixon, Paul Bax, Michelle Bax, Meredith Boessen, Andrea Garrett, Natalie Grothoff, Tyler Slaughter, Jennifer Hoelscher, and Steven Hoelscher; 10 great-grandchildren, Thomas Nichols, David Nichols, Jonathan Bax, Joseph Ousley, Grant Dixon, Andrew Boessen, Audrey Boessen, Grant Boessen, William Grothoff, and Samuel Grothoff; and two step-great-grandchildren, Cody Dixon and Benny Dixon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Edwin Schulte, Louis Schulte, and Herman Schulte; and three sisters, Catherine Loethen, Emma Hirschberg, and Martha Schulte.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at St. Peter Catholic Church. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Peter Church Building Fund, 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO 65101; Community Hospices of America, 2418 Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109; or Masses.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Monday, April 9, 2007

Mary Alberta Fowler, 82, Eldon, Mo., died Friday, April 6, 2007, in Jefferson City. She was born Feb. 23, 1925, the daughter of Cordial "Lafe" Lafayette and Lola Annis "Coffman" Vaughan. She was married Nov. 23, 1946, to Athel E. Fowler, who died Jan. 30, 1991.

Mrs. Fowler attended the First Baptist Church of Eldon, MO and Bethany Lutheran Church of Eldon.
Surviving her are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Lyman Burris of Eldon; a son and
daughter-in-law, Carl and Mary Fowler of Rocky Mount; three grandchildren, Paul Burris, Lisa
Looten and Susan Burris; a step-grandchild, Lee Schaefferkoetter; and four great-grandchildren.
Victoria, Joshua, Gavin and Maddyson Burris.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev.
Randall Bunch and Pastor Peter Lange officiating. Burial was in Eldon Cemetery. Memorials
may be made to the First Baptist Church of Eldon or Bethany Lutheran Church of Eldon.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, April 10, 2007

Phillip S. Hurtubise, age 75, of Eldon, died Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at his home. He
was born in Eldon on August 26, 1931, a son of the late Phillip Arnold and Dortha (Bacom)
Hurtubise. On July 13, 1952, in Harrison, Arkansas, he was married to Patsy J. Clark, who
survives at the home.

He served with Osage Beach Fire Department in excess of 35 years. He was an avid
gardener and enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family.

Others who survive him include: seven children, Phyllis Ann Nies and husband Lloyd of
Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dortha J. Holt and husband Dennis of Dearborn, Phillip S.
Hurtubise, Jr. and wife Connie of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, E. Kay Patterson and husband
Lonnie of Eldon, James R. Hurtubise and wife Karen of Eldon, Steven P. Hurtubise of Eldon and
F. Kevin Hurtubise and wife Debbie of Eldon; 4 brothers and sisters, 13 grandchildren, 7 step
grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 11 step great grandchildren. One step grandson, Brian
Michael Hunt and one brother, Roger Hurtubise, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 13, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Rev.
Colleen Carroll will officiate. Interment will be in Boltz Cemetery near Kaiser. Visitation will be
from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are
suggested to Osage Beach Benevolent Association.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Thomas Montgomery "Monty" Graves, age 50, of Tuscumbia, died Sunday, April 8,
2007, at his home. He was born in Versailles on February 5, 1957, a son of Thomas Walter and
Nancy Nell (Graham) Graves, who survive at their home north of Iberia. On December 30, 1978,
in Tuscumbia, he was married to Stephanie Laura Howard, who resides at their farm.

A lifelong resident of Tuscumbia, Monty graduated from Tuscumbia High School in
1975, where he excelled at academics and sports. He received his Bachelor's degree in Poultry
Science and his Master's in Business Administration, both from the University of Missouri-
Columbia. For the past 22 years he has raised turkeys and cattle, but found time to travel and
pursue his many hobbies with his wife.

The couple had two children; a daughter, TaNeá Marie of Jefferson City and a son,
Thomas Tyson, who preceded him in death. In addition, extended family includes; one sister,
Jenny McDonald, parents-in-law, Paul and Marjorie Howard, three sisters-in-law, Rebecca
Young, Connie Wyrick, Molly Anderson and their spouses, along with 10 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, at Mt. Zion Christian Church in
Tuscumbia. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Gott Cemetery near Ulman.
Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. In lieu of
flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Monty's name to the Tyson Graves
Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Marguerite "Mickey" Son Howser, age 93, of Eldon, Mo., passed away Sunday, April
8, 2007, in Linn Creek, Mo. She is survived by two children, John W. Howser of Fredericktown
and Christie Ann Eads of Linn Creek; one daughter-in-law, Marsha Howser of Fredericktown;
one son-in-law, David Hollandsworth of Linn Creek; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Interment will be in the Eldon City Cemetery.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Russell L. Banks, age 46 years, of St. Elizabeth, Mo., died Monday, April 9, 2007, in Miller County, Mo., after an automobile accident. Russell was born September 19, 1960, in Peoria, Ill., the son of Fred L. Sr. and D. Evelyn Venson Banks. His parents survive in Fulton, Mo.

He was married on September 18, 2005, in Miller County, Mo., to Lori A. Rush, who survives at the home. Russell graduated from Lakeview High School, Decatur, Illinois, and from Columbia College as a Licensed Practical Nurse. He was employed as a nurse with the St. Elizabeth Care Center, St. Elizabeth, Mo. and Maries Manor Care Center, Vienna, Mo.

Other survivors include: two sons, Jeremy Banks and his wife Carrie of Decatur, Illinois, and Josh Banks of the state of Virginia; one daughter, Julianna Schneider of the home; one sister, Teresa Yancey and her husband Darrell of Fulton, Mo.; two brothers, Fred L. Banks Jr. of the state of Texas, and Christopher Banks of Fulton, Mo.; three brothers-in-law, David Rush and his wife Maggie of Holts Summit, Mo., Marty Rush and his wife Janet of Jefferson City, Mo., and Jeff Rush and his wife Gayle of Eugene, Mo.; three sisters-in-law, Pam Kelly and her husband Mike of St. Charles, Mo., Mary Miller and her husband Joe of the state of Texas, and Tena Hale Rush of Jefferson City, Mo.; one grandson, Brock Banks of Decatur, Illinois; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one niece, Cheyann Ellermann.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12 noon Friday, April 13, 2007, in the Freeman Chapel with the Reverend Mike Haldeman officiating. Interment will be at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Freeman Mortuary from 11-12 noon Friday. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Russell Banks Memorial Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

Carl R. "Slick" Sherrell, 59, of Eldon, formerly of Iberia, died Monday, April 9, 2007, at University Hospital and Clinics. He was born April 30, 1947, in Iberia to the late Earl and Marge Burch Sherrell.

Surviving him are three sons, Lindsey Sherrell of Iberia, Lance Sellon of New Bern, N.C., and Isaac Sherrell of Crocker; a daughter, Kealeah Langley of Purcell, Okla.; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Joyce Burd and Sydney Perkins, both of Iberia.

Visitation will be held from 12-2 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia, with funeral services immediately following. The Rev. Glen Golden will officiate. Burial will be in Brays Cemetery near Iberia with military honors. Memorials may be made to the Brays Cemetery Fund.

Dee Pearson, 79, Eldon, died Saturday, April 7, 2007, in Eldon. Survivors include: three sons, Donald A. Pearson, Glenn Pearson and David Pearson; two daughters, Cynthia DuFour and Marthadee Branson; several grandchildren; great grandchildren; great great grandchild; a sister, Ruth Phillips; a brother, George Mayes; nieces; and nephews. Her husband Donald Pearson preceded her in death.

Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 14, 11:00 a.m., at First Baptist Church in Eldon. Her body has been cremated and a private interment will be held at a later date under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.
John Duane Vice, 67, of 22 Longview Circle, Lake Ozark, died at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. He was formerly of Pekin, Ill. Born May 2, 1939, in Pekin, Ill., to John Richard and Evelyn M. (Radcliff) Vice, he married Carol A. Bogener on April 6, 1963 in Pekin. He later married Gayle Elizabeth (Gieselmann) Stark on July 14, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives.

Mr. Vice served in the United States Marine Corps. He retired in 2000 from the Tan-Tar-A Family Resort in Osage Beach, where he was the manager of the bowling alley. He previously worked as a police officer in North Pekin and Marquette Heights, Ill. He also had worked for Caterpillar, Inc.

He was a member of the Missouri Corvette Club and a former member of the First Christian Church in Pekin, Ill.

Also surviving are two sons, Stephen D. Vice and wife Melanie of Pekin, Ill., and Christopher J. Stark of Lake Ozark; four daughters and their husbands, Cheryl L. (Sean) O’Neill of Chillicothe, Ill., Amy M. (Jason) McClanahan of Pekin, Ill., Nicole E. (Greg) Gamm of Henderson, Nev., and Shannon K. (Jeremiah) Groll of Ulman; 16 grandchildren; one brother, Larry Vice of Pekin, Ill., and one sister, Judie Clutts of North Pekin, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His graveside funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Lakeside Cemetery in Pekin, Ill. The Rev. Gary L. Ford officiated. Military rites were conducted by the United States Marine Corps and the Tazewell Military Rites Team. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston-Hanley Funeral Home in Pekin, Ill. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Midwest Affiliate, 4722 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61614.

Henry Bernard Huhman, 95, of St. Elizabeth died Tuesday, April 3, 2007. He was born May 21, 1911, in St. Elizabeth to Joseph and Margaret Boeckman Huhman.

Mr. Huhman had been a resident of the Okeene, Okla. community since 1933. He entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in the Northern France Normandy Campaign and the Algeria French Morocco Campaign. He was discharged in 1945. He was a partner in Farmers Service Station for 40 years and was a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Okeene and the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife Marie of the home; a son and his wife, Anthony and Judy Huhman of Enid, Okla.; two daughters and their husbands, Mary Margaret and Ron Werth of Hutchison, Kan., and Rose Anne and Jim Monahan of Murrysville, Penn.; a brother, William Huhman of St. Elizabeth; two sisters, Corine Flick and Clara Rowan, both of Jefferson City; and eight grandchildren, Jason, Joseph, Jeremy, John, Anne Marie, Phillip, Sean and Katie.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Okeene, Okla., with Father Roberto Quant as celebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery under the direction of Wilkinson Mortuary. Memorials may be made to the new parish hall fund at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church.

Raymond L. Bond, 64, of Fulton died Monday, April 9, 2007, in Mexico, Mo. He was born Feb. 25, 1943, in Etterville to Ollie Silvers and Edith Viola Johnson Bond. On Sept. 15, 1962, he was married in Laurens, Iowa, to Therma E. Ducommun Bond, who survives at the home.

Mr. Bond was reared in Etterville and was baptized into the Lord at the Etterville Christian Church. He attended Midwestern School of Evangelism in Ottumwa, Iowa, and he and his wife served churches in Puerto Rico, Ulman, Eldon, Arvada, Colo., St. James, Macon, and Benton City. The last ten years he worked for Options Unlimited in Fulton and Mexico.

Surviving in addition to his wife are his sons and their wives, Gordon Ray and Nancy Bond of Liverpool, N.Y., and Mark Douglas and Rachel Bond of Webb City; a daughter, Bonita
Kay Bond of Mexico; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Travis, Brandon, Kayla, Ruthy, Moriah and Javan Bond; and a brother, Earl L. Bond of Rocky Mount.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Ninth Street Christian Church with Rick Yoder, minister, and Ken Harland, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Spring Garden Cemetery near Eugene under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Memorials may be made to Callaway Christian Church in Fulton, Missouri.

Charles “Roy” Pankey, 85, of Iberia died Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center near Tusculum. He was born Sept. 8, 1921, in Miller County to Richard and Mary Lea Pankey. On Oct. 18, 1941, he was married in Vienna to Loretta Marie Rowe, who survives at the home.

Mr. Pankey was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Iberia Church of the Nazarene and was a bluegrass and gospel musician.

Also surviving him are four sons and their wives, Charles R. Jr. and Maydell Pankey of Gonzales, Texas, Dennis Pankey and fiancée Debbie of New York, Bruce and Erma Pankey of Iberia and James and Loretta Pankey of Ulman; a daughter and her husband, Mary Sue and Ted Cawood of South Carolina; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Iberia Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Greg McClain officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Hickory Point Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials contributions may be made to the Roy Pankey Memorial Fund.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, April 13, 2007

Jim F. Frisbie, age 72, of Olean, died Friday, April 13, 2007, at St. Marys Health Center. He was born in Versailles on December 14, 1935, a son of Joshua S. and Mildred F. (Yarnell) Frisbie. His mother survives in Versailles. On August 24, 1963 at Dripping Spring Christian Church in Columbia he was married to Betty Lou Love, who survives at the home.

Jim was a member of the First Baptist Church in Eldon. He was a Sunday school teacher, door greeter and loved singing in the church choir. He enjoyed spending time with his family and being outdoors fishing and deer and turkey hunting. He was a volunteer fireman and also served in the United States Army Reserve.

Others who survive him include: Four children, Michael F. Frisbie and wife Bobbi of Otterville, James (Pat) Frisbie and wife Heather of Topeka, Kansas, Cindy L. King of Eldon and Mary K. Frisbie of Fulton; 10 grandchildren, Michael, Alyssia and Victoria Frisbie, Madison, Jacob and Connor Frisbie, Ryan and Jacob Coleman, Brendan Bohnr and Bradley King; two sisters, Mary Lee Frisbie of Versailles and Sue Miesner of Stover and one aunt, Juanita Yarnell of Versailles.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 16, at First Baptist Church of Eldon. Rev. Randall Bunch will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Eldon. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, April 15, 2007

Lea Steenburgen, 75, of Virginia Beach, Virginia passed away April 12, 2007 at Sentara Leigh Hospital. She was surrounded by close family members and longtime faithful friend of over 40 years, Ginny Armstrong. She was born in Henley, Missouri, the daughter of the late Walter and Georgia Nichols Steenburgen.

Anna retired from the U.S. Navy after 24 years of service as a U.S. Navy Captain Line Officer. Anna graduated from Missouri University and was a second year medical student when she chose to join the U.S. Navy in order to assist her family in providing for her elderly parents.
Captain Steenburgen had a successful and influential naval career. During the Vietnam War, she served as personnel officer managing personnel and casualties from the New England states. In addition, she coordinated the return of P.O.W.’s from that area. Anna was the first woman to be invited aboard the annual turn-around of the U.S.S. Constitution and was made an honorary navigator of that great ship. She graduated from the Naval War College in 1974, being the only woman officer in a class of 180 men.

In 1960, she won the Women's National Pistol Championship in Camp Perry, Ohio. She was among the first women line officers to be promoted to the rank of Captain. During her last five years of service, she was assigned to the Supreme Allied Command Atlantic working with NATO manpower issues throughout the NATO countries. After her retirement in 1980, Anna designed and built two large homes in Virginia Beach. In 1981, her Redwood home was selected by the Cape Henry Women's Club for their annual Christmas in the Country Tour. Also, while residing at Redwood she was the grand prize winner of the Nationwide Hellman's Mayonnaise Cooking Contest. Two of Anna's homes were declared National Wildlife Habitats. She devoted much of her resources, time and energy to the preservation of plants and wildlife.

Anna is survived by one sister, Juanita Oakley of Jefferson City, Missouri, 19 nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Flora Hudson, Zella Steenburgen, Barcie Hale, Eita Steenburgen, Virginia Bryan and two brothers, Connie and Elroy Steenburgen. She had countless friends both in the United States and Europe and she was loved and respected by all.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 15th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, 1457 Independence Blvd., Virginia Beach. The funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 16th at the Naval Amphibious Base Chapel with full military honors. A graveside memorial will be held at a later date at Hickory Hill Missouri Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, April 17, 2007

Edith Copeland, age 93 years, 10 months and 11 days, of Iberia, died Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Maries County on June 6, 1913, a daughter of the late C.D. Barton, Belvia (Barnhart) Lawson and stepfather Roe Lawson. On September 28, 1929, in Vienna, she was married to Orville Floyd Copeland, who preceded her in death on October 29, 1950.

Edith has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Iberia since the 1960's. Those who survive her include: two sons, Charles “Don” Copeland of Iberia and Burl Copeland and wife Wanda of Dixon; six daughters, Alma Hill of Iberia, Betty Blankenship and husband Bill of Dixon, JoAnn Gallagher and husband Ray of Buena Vista, Colorado, Lemoine Lawson of Iberia and Linda Prather of Iberia; 23 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren.

Three grandchildren, Carol Jones Pitts, Rhonda Blankenship and Michael Linn Prather and half brother and wife, Bob and Margie Lawson, also preceded her in death. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, with services immediately following at 3:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Gene Edwards and Rev. Manuel Seaton will officiate. Interment will be in Wheeler Cemetery near Dixon. Memorial contributions are suggested to Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Janice Mary Berendzen, 69, of Altamonte Springs, Fla., passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2007, at Florida Hospital Orlando. She was born on September 10, 1937, in Indianapolis, Ind. She attended Christ the King Grade School and St. Agnes Academy High School, both in Indianapolis. She pursued a nursing degree from St. Vincent's School of Nursing, Indianapolis, where she graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1958.
She briefly served in the United States Air Force as an R.N., but was honorably discharged after marrying her husband, Captain Gary W. Berendzen, U.S.A.F. After her husband's death in 1964, she returned home to Indiana for a few years. She ultimately settled on Central Florida in 1967 as her permanent residence. She had two nursing careers in Central Florida. Her first was with Kradle Kare, a private home for severely disabled and mentally challenged children. She loved working with the children and with the other devoted staff members.

Her second nursing career was with Visiting Nurse Association of Orlando. She briefly worked at Altamonte OB/GYN before retiring.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann M. Berendzen, Orlando, Fla., and Ellen T. Briggs, Altamonte Springs, Fla.; two grandchildren, Steven Gurin and Lauren Briggs, both of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; one brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Roseanne Huckleberry, Indianapolis; mother-in-law, Lois Berendzen, Wardsville, Mo.; sisters-in-law, Jean Pingenot, Alice Berendzen, Judy Lynch, Linda Duckworth, and Lori Bruckner; brothers-in-law, Sam, Paul, Joe, and Steve Berendzen; and many nieces; nephews; and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Adolph Berendzen.

Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Friday, April 20th, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home, Jefferson City, Mo. Graveside services will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2007, at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Wardsville, Mo.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 2007

**Palma Livengood**, 81, of Eldon died Monday, April 16, 2007, in Eldon. She was born March 13, 1926, in Paragould, Ark., to Lester and Alice Smith Kuykendoll. On Dec. 21, 1942, she was married in St. Louis to William D. Livengood, who died May 7, 2003.

Mrs. Livengood had been owner/operator of an antique and jewelry store and was formerly of St. Louis. She was an active volunteer in local nursing homes and authored a monthly newsletter, Palma Ponders.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Sexton and friend Roger Muterspaugh of the state of Illinois and Lee Anna Taylor of Eldon; two grandchildren, Keith Headd of Columbia and David Nichols of Sullivan; six great-grandchildren; and a cousin, Colleen Faulkner of Eldon.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home. Burial will be in Eldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

Graveside services for **James Bryan Adams**, 74, of Overland Park, Kan., will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Gott Cemetery near Ulman with the Rev. Walter D. Simpson officiating.

Mr. Adams died Nov. 28, 2006 and a full obituary ran at the time of his death. He was the son of Elmer Bryan and Marian C. Farrah Adams and was married to the former Margaret Hendricks.

Services are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Memorials may be made to the Kansas City Hospice or Kansas City Cancer Center.

The Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, April 22, 2007

**Earl Raymond Humphrey**, age 95, of Iberia, died Saturday, April 21, 207, at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. HE was born in Iberia on February 7, 1912, son of Clyde H. and Effie J. (Atwell) Humphrey.

On December 24, 1936, he was married to Ada Janet Wilson, who preceded him in death on January 1, 1971. On September 29, 1976, in Iberia, he was married to Hazel May (Brown) George, who preceded him in death on February 2, 1998.
He taught for 37 years at local rural schools and served as principal at Brumley School. He retired from the Waynesville School System at Ft. Leonard Wood. He was a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge #410 AF and AM and the Iberia First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Glen R. Humphrey and wife Wanita of Iberia; one grandson, Nicholas R. Humphrey and wife Hannah of Jefferson City; one sister, Fern H. Pendleton of Iberia; two great-grandchildren, Ada Nicole Humphrey and Max Martin Humphrey; and four stepchildren, Joe George, John George, Elaine Cleland, and Linda Lee.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Norman M. Humphrey and Wade R. Humphrey; and one son, Clyde Preston Humphrey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at the Iberia First Baptist Church. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Elizabeth Care center.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, April 26, 2007

**Betty Ann Hutchinson**, age 73, of Tuscumbia, died Sunday, April 22, 2007, at St. Mary’s Health Center. She was born in Iberia on January 11, 1934, daughter of Earl Otto and Ruby Flossie (Blankenship) Ponder. On April 17, 1986, in Las Vegas, Nevada, she was married to Dale Hutchinson, who survives at the home.

She had previously owned and operated Porter’s Market in Iberia. She was a member of the Iberia American Legion Post 105 Ladies Auxiliary, the Democrat Club, and the Red Hat Society.

Other survivors include three daughters, Sherry Berry of St. Clair, Joyce Wood of Eldon, and Diana Simpson of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania; one son, Clinton Porter of Iberia; two brothers, Adolph Ponder of Iberia and Bobby Ponder of Pontoon Beach, Illinois; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, at Brays Advent Christian Church near Iberia. Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, April 29, 2007

**Harold Hake**, age 70, of St. Elizabeth, died Sunday, April 29, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born in St. Elizabeth on April 19, 1937, a son of the late John and Alta (Brasier) Hake.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

Those who survive him include one son, Ronny Hake of St. Elizabeth; two daughters, Cathi Hallquist of Arnold and Margaret Hamel and family of St. Louis; seven brothers, John, Jr., Kenny, Norbert, Virgil, Matt, Larry and Gary Hake; and four sisters, Norma Jean Holtmeyer, Betty Ross, Virginia Suche and Leona Otto. Two brothers, Danny and Fred Hake, also preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Interment with military honors will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Harold Hake Memorial Fund.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, May 3, 2007

**Ruby (Shelton) Robertson**, age 96, of Iberia, died Friday, April 27, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in Miller County on January 23, 1911, daughter of Allen T. and Montie D. (Humphrey) Shelton. In 1936, she was married to Willard Humphrey, who preceded

She attended the Iberia Academy, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Lincoln University in Jefferson City and received a B.S. degree from Central Missouri State University in 1959. Ruby taught in several rural one-room school districts and retired in 1969 from the Iberia RV School District after 37 years of teaching. She served as postmistress of the Iberia Post Office from 1945-1947. She was a member of Brays Advent Christian Church near Iberia where prior to her death, she was the oldest living member. She was also a member of the Iberia Chapter # 537 Order of the Eastern Star for over 60 years.

Survivors include one sister, Allene Kinder and husband, Okley of Iberia; four nieces, Carolyn DeVore and husband, Bud of Iberia, Sue Cole and husband, Randy of Iberia, Charlotte Shelton and husband, Jim Moore of Shawnee, Kansas, and Patti Fehlig and husband, Mark of Snellville, Georgia; one stepdaughter, Darlene Johnson of Columbia; four step grandsons; several great nieces and nephews; and many other family and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Margie Clark and an infant sister; and one brother, Walter Shelton.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 30, at Brays Advent Christian Church near Iberia. Rev. Roy L. Gilkey will officiate. Interment will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with an Eastern Star Service at 6:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to Brays Advent Christian Church or Union Cemetery.

Katherine Sue Hodge, age 69, of Belleville, Illinois, formerly of Eldon, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at her home. She was born in Eugene on April 11, 1938, a daughter of the late Ben and Carrie (Hinds) Hodge.

Those who survive her include: three children, Rocky Gillmore of Eldon, Kevin McGathery and wife Andora of Yukon, Oklahoma and Kara Hoyer of Belleville, Illinois; 12 grandchildren, Mandy, Brandon, Macy, Adam, Matthew, Madison, Morgan, Emily, Reagan, Chadrick, Julie and Brad; four great grandchildren; one brother, Truman Hodge of Eldon; six sisters, Ruby Jean Koons, Mary Lou Lankford and Ruth Lathrom of Blue Springs, Myrtle Eth of Independence and Gloria Jeter and Linda Hayes of Eldon and numerous nieces and nephews. Seven brothers, Billy Joe Hodge, James Walker Hodge, Benny Vancel Hodge, Sammy Arnold Hodge, Kenneth Warren Hodge, Charles Edward Hodge and Tommy Rollins Hodge and two sisters, Nellie Plemmons and Delora Goodman, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. on Friday, April 27, with services immediately following at 6:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Rev. Danny Graham will officiate. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Interment will be in Spring Garden Cemetery near Eugene. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Eldon Senior Center.


Betty McGill Robinett, age 72, of Ulman, died Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at her home. She was born in Clarksburg on September 27, 1934, daughter of Roy and Minnie (Wright) McGill. On August 20, 1990, in Brumley, she was married to Linn Robinett, who preceded her in death on April 19, 2004.

She loved sewing and was an avid quilter. She also enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling as well as spending as much time as she could with her grandchildren. She was a member of Crossroads Baptist Church near Ulman. Survivors include three sons, Duane Snelling and wife Donna of Wellsville, Kansas, Michael Sanders of Syracuse, and Ronnie Sanders of Vienna; two daughters, Sharon Eldridge and husband George of Mt. Vernon, Washington, and Lisa Birdsong of Jefferson City; one stepson, Wayman Robinett and wife Kathryn of Redmond,
Washington; one brother, Herb McGill of Warsaw; seven grandchildren, Angela Hunter and husband Casey, Kimberly Green, Chanda Snelling, Aaron Birdsong, Curtis Snelling, Lindsey Birdsong, and Michelle Sanders; three adopted grandchildren, Rachel Trout, Rebekah Snelling, and David Snelling; one step granddaughter, Shannon Robinett; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Charles, Herschel, and Leroy McGill; and one sister, Iola Spalding.

Services will be at 12 noon on Saturday, May 5, at Crossroads Baptist Church near Ulman. Pastor David Visser will officiate. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery near Latham.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to Crossroads Baptist Church.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site May 1, 2007:

Ricky Darrell Plemmons, age 51, of Brumley, died Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in Miller County on December 24, 1955, son of Farris and Jimmie Fae (Harris) Plemmons.

Survivors include his companion, Debbie Farrow of Brumley; two daughters, Julie McComb of Iberia and Sarah Plemmons of Dixon; one son, Nicky Plemmons of Brumley; one brother, Danny Plemmons of Brumley; four sisters, Janie Jennings of Richland, Judy Flaugher of Iberia, Charlotte Stone of Crocker, and Jeanie Luttrell of Iberia; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Donnie Plemmons; and one sister, Theresa Plemmons.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Ralph Byrd will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, May 1, 2007

John Monroe “Jocko” Bailey, age 57, of Tuscumbia, died Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at his home. He was born in Decatur, Illinois, on November 7, 1949, son of Marion and Velma (McPherson) Bailey. His mother survives in Bethany, Illinois. On April 29, 1967, in St. Louis, he was married to Sondra Evans, who survives at the home. He was a Navy veteran of Vietnam.


He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Brian Jarrett will officiate. Interment with military honors will be in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Missouri River Hospice.

Houser-Millard Funeral Home Web Site, May 5, 2007

Norbert Benjamin Berendzen, 83, of Jefferson City, died Thursday, May 3, 2007, at St. Mary’s Health Center. He was born December 24, 1923, in Mary’s Home, Missouri, a son of the late Fred and Dora (Schulte) Berendzen. On November 11, 1950, he was married in Jefferson City, to Mary Louise Ilse, who survives at the home.

Mr. Berendzen owned and operated Norbert’s Sales & Service for forty-nine years. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was a veteran of the United States Army, where he served
during World War II. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing pitch, but most of all he loved to be with his children, grandchildren and family.

He is also survived by three sons: Mike Berendzen (wife Jan) of Jefferson City; Gary Berendzen (wife Sherry) of Jefferson City; Mark Berendzen (wife Sue) of Jefferson City; three daughters: Ilse Erickson (husband Jeff) of West Point, VA; Marian Bridges (husband Curt) of California, MO and Barbara Redus (husband Dirke) of Jefferson City; one sister: Mary Ann DeCook of Jefferson City; seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother: Clarence Berendzen, three sisters: Rosie Berendzen, Edna Doerhoff and Evelyn Speedy, and one granddaughter: Brooke Berendzen.

Friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2007, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, where a prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at St. Peter Catholic Church, with Msgr. Donald W. Lammers as the Celebrant, and Fr. Robert Fields, Fr. Donardo Bermejo and Fr. Frank Bussmann as the Concelebrants. Entombment with Full Military Honors will follow in the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the St. Peter Catholic Church & School. Arrangements are under the direction of HOUSER-MILLARD Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street; 636-3838.


He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, Mo., a member of the Knights of Columbus of Eldon, Mo. and AMVET Post #108 in Rocky Mount, Mo. He retired in 1987, from McDonnell Douglas, after 35 years of service. He served in the United States Army from 1951 until 1953. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Susanna Mueller, of the home; two sons, Gary Mueller, Clark, Mo. and Kevin Mueller, Mason City, Iowa; four grandchildren, David, Daniel, Becky and Brandi; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Alvina Irvin; and two brothers, Clarence and Robert Mueller.

Visitation will be from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo., with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Eldon, Mo. with Rev. Frederick Elskamp officiating. Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at Resurrection Cemetery, 3015 W. Truman Blvd., Jefferson City, Mo. Full military honors will be provided at the graveside. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Knights of Columbus Pavilion Fund or to the donor's choice.


Marie Risse, age 90, of Meta, died Sunday, May 6, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born in Brinktown on December 2, 1916, daughter of Clement and Theresa (Bure) Hillen. On October 10, 1950, at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Jefferson City, she was married to Leo Risse, who preceded her in death on October 31, 1987.

She was an avid reader and seamstress until her vision started to fail. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta.

Survivors include five sons, Norbert Risse and wife, Brenda of Meta, Charles Risse and wife, Rosemary of New Haven, Larry Risse and wife, Alice of Meta, Roger Risse and fiancée, Jackie of Olean, and Donny Hillen and wife, Alice of Olean; two daughters, Charlene Veltsop and husband, Gary of Taos, and Irene Hartman and husband, Karl of Hartsburg; one sister-in-law, Mary Hillen of Jefferson City; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, five step grandchildren, eight step great-grandchildren, and seven step great great-grandchildren; and several nieces,
nephews, and other family and friends. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Joe and Henry Hillen.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta. Interment will be in St. Cecilia Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to Masses or a Charity of the Donor’s choice.

**Pamela Jeanne Hendricks**, age 41, of Meta, died Sunday, May 6, 2007, at her home. She was born in Jefferson City on February 18, 1966, daughter of David and Gertrude (Handing) Hendricks. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives at the home. She worked at the St. Elizabeth Care Center as a nursing assistant and was devoted to the residents there. She was also devoted to her family.

Other survivors include three sisters, Shari Finnigan and fiancé, Wayne Cook of St. James, Kateena Hill and husband, Tommy of Savannah, Georgia, and Cheryl Basiger and husband, Dale of Meta; her paternal grandmother, Veronica Hendricks of Meta; five nieces and nephews, Jessica Hendricks, Kendall Hendricks, Jacob Hendricks, Taylor Basiger, and David Basiger; and one great-niece, Krista Hendricks. She was also preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Eugene Hendricks; her maternal grandparents, Henry and Elizabeth Handing; and one brother-in-law, Ralph Finnigan.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Eulogist Dale Basiger will officiate. Interment will be in Southside Cemetery near Meta. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Asthma Foundation.

**Obituary: The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, May 10, 2007**


Miss Sooter attended Francis Howell North High School and Southeast Missouri State University at Cape Girardeau. She worked with TWA at Penn Station in New York City and in food service at Trailhead and Lewis and Clark.

Also surviving her are a sister, Kiersten Sooter of St. Peters; a brother Haven Sooter of Ladue; and niece and nephew, Savannah Lovell of St. Peters and Tyler Sooter of St. Charles. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Charles and Jewell Sooter of this area, and Harri Kirgan and Muriel Kirgan Owens.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Baue Chapel of St. Charles. Burial will be in Union Cemetery on Bray’s Church Road, Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of St. Charles.

**Olive Edith Helton**, 88, of Tuscumbia died Saturday, May 5, 2007 at Villa Mrie Skilled Nursing Facility in Jefferson City. She was born July 12, 1918, in Eldon to Clarence and Burla Blankenship Brown. On Dec. 24, 1936, she was married to Truman David Helton, who died Dec. 16, 1990. She was a member of the Tuscumbia Christian Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Jack Brumley of Tuscumbia; a son and daughter-in-law, Layne and Barbara Helton of Eldon; four grandchildren and their spouses, Curt and Paula Brumley of Eugene, Kim Ingham of Grandview, Kevin and Millie Helton of Eldon and KaLayna and Dennis Brewer of Richmond; five great-grandchildren, Steven Helton, Rachel and Robert Brewer, Hunter and Camryn Brumley; four sisters, Nora Goertz and Dean Hopper, both of Wichita, Kan., Marie Dusky of Eldon and Linda Andrews of Oklahoma.
Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Burial was in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett. Memorials may be made to the Tuscumbia Christian Church Building Fund.


Mr. Routh was a member of the New Hope Gospel Church at Hawkeye. HE worked as a carpenter in the Lake Ozark area.

Also surviving him are: two sons, John Tyler Routh of Crocker and Jesse Eli Routh of Iberia; a daughter, Angel Noel Routh of Iberia; his maternal grandparents, Myrl and Barb Rollins of Crocker; and two sisters, Shelly Adams and Lori Roam, both of Crocker.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the Crocker First Baptist Church with Pastor Don Kabel officiating. Burial was in the Crocker Cemetery under the direction of Long Funeral Home of Crocker. Memorials may be made in care of the family.

**Roelan Clay Duchardt**, 53, of Ulman died Sunday, May 6, 2007, at his home. He was born Feb. 17, 1954, in Merrill, Wis., to the late Reo Henry and Mary Leona Pillsbury Duchardt. He was married Oct. 6, 1986, to Sherrie Ann Pietrzak, who survives at the home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carissa Lynn Putzkie of Ulman; two sisters, Reona Holmes of Reedsburg, Wis., and Ardeen Adams of Colorado; three brothers, Reo Duchardt of Oxford, Wis., Reon Duchardt of Grand Marsh, Wis., and Marvin Gruber of Adams, Wis.; and a granddaughter, Audrey Page Kelly.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hedges Funeral Home in Osage Beach with the Rev. Marvin Davis officiating. Burial will be in Gott Cemetery near Ulman.

**Mrs. Marie Huff McCubbin**, age 93 years, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Oak Tree Villa Nursing Center. Marie was born November 20, 1913 in Aullville, Mo. The daughter of Willie C. and Glenna Burrow Davis, both deceased. She was married on July 5, 1936 in Aullville, Mo. To Charles I. Huff who preceded her in death on September 26, 1978. She later married James F. McCubbin who preceded her in death.

Marie was a 1931 graduate of Higginsville High School, Higginsville, Mo. and a 1943 graduate of central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Mo. She received her masters from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1957 and additional credits from Iowa State University and Western Texas State.

Marie began her career teaching vocational education in Sweet Springs, Mo. and was a supervising teacher of vocational home economics at Central Missouri State University. She was then the state supervisor of Vocational Home Economics for the Missouri Department of Education for nineteen years. She served as an instructor in adult education courses and presented television programs related to home economics subjects. She later served as the co-director at West Texas State University in the McCubbin International Porcelain Art School.

She worked actively with churches, boy scouts, girl scouts, schools, homes of the disabled, clubs and community organizations. She has been recognized with honors throughout her life in the educational fields, vocational career, and avocation activities. One of the highlights was in 1971 as one of fifteen outstanding graduates at Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, Mo. in the first one hundred years of the college and university. She served as a member of the J.C. Penney advisory board in 1967 and 1968.

Throughout her life she has displayed her talent for the arts in painting, music and poetry. She had painted in the media of oils, water colors, charcoal and pastels. Her china paintings have won her much recognition. In all of these endeavors she has spent time teaching others. Marie has won many honors for her art works in shows and a number of pieces are permanently
displayed in national galleries. In 1998, she displayed sixty-five painting, jewelry, and ceramic pieces at the Elizabeth Rozier Gallery.

Survivors include: one son, Hartley Huff of Jefferson City, Mo.; one sister, Frances A. Gonzalez of Bloomington, Indiana; one brother, Ralph Webb Davis of Junction City, Kansas; her long time friend and companion, Stansel Defoe of Concordia, Mo. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

A private memorial service will be conducted Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Visitation will be at the Freeman Mortuary from 5:00 until 6:00 pm Monday, May 14, 2007. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggest to the Marie Huff McCubbin Scholarship Fund at the University of Central Missouri at Warrensburg, Mo. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

Obituary: Rekus Funeral Home web site, Sunday, May 13, 2007

**Tommy Darrell Farrow**, of Iberia, was born on October 13, 1947, at Iberia, a son of Walter Wayne and Olive Rosena (Lawson), and departed this life on Thursday evening, May 10, 2007, in the St. Louis University Hospital, St. Louis. Mr. Farrow had attained the age of 59 years, 6 months, and 27 days.

Mr. Farrow was united in marriage on September 11, 1971, in the Humphrey’s Creek Christian Church, Tuscumbia, to Dora Elaine Barton. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Ronald Farrow, Melvin Farrow and David Farrow.

Mr. Farrow was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the Humphrey’s Creek Christian Church, Tuscumbia. He had worked as an electronic technician for Explorer Pipeline Company for 34 years.

Those left to mourn the passing of Mr. Farrow include: his wife, Elaine Farrow, of the home near Iberia; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian Keith and Natosha Farrow, Brumley; Tommy James and Dana Farrow, Iberia; three brothers, Harold Farrow, Iberia; Roger Farrow, Brumley; and Bill Farrow, Vienna; one sister, Janet Selby, Rocky Mount; five grandchildren, Kayla, Jason, Kassidy, Jordan and Bradly; numerous nephews and nieces; and many other loved ones and dear friends.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, precious memories of Mr. Farrow will forever remain in the hearts of his dear family and all who knew and loved him. Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Farrow at 11:00 A.M., Monday, May 14, 2007, in the Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia, under the direction of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes, Vienna, with Pastor Russell Cobb, Hallsville; Lex Smith and John Sears officiating. “When I Get To Where I’m Going”, “Go Rest High On That Mountain” and “Precious Memories” were sung for the funeral service.

Interment with full military honors was in the Capps Cemetery, Tuscumbia, under the direction of the Vienna Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home. Pallbearers for Mr. Farrow were Layton Wilson, Rick Thompson, Tom Graves, Ed Drebes, Randy Vineyard and Jake Hallahan. Honorary pallbearers were Jordan Farrow, Jason Walker, Jim Farrow, John Farrow, and Rick Farrow.


**Norma Faye Pierce**, 48, of Crocker, died Saturday, May 12, 2007, in the University Hospital and Clinics, Columbia. Survivors include: one son, Shawn Pierce, Columbia; two daughters, Jennifer Pierce and Edna Missy Deardeuff, both of Crocker; her mother, Louise Routh, Crocker; the love of her life, Les Riley, Crocker; her other mother, Helen Riley, Crocker; three brothers; two sisters and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 17, in the Long Funeral Home, Crocker. Interment will be in the Crocker Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16, and 12 Noon - 1 p.m. Thursday, May 17, in the Long Funeral Home, Crocker.

**Obituary: Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, May 15, 2007**

**Muriel Ford Prewett**, 90, of Dixon, died Monday, May 14, 2007, in the Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Rolla.

Survivors include: his wife, Winnie Louise (King) Prewett; one son, Arnold Prewett; three daughters, Diane Eyman, Carol Purvis, and Sherry Perkins; a granddaughter, Lisa Haller; 14 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., May 16, 2007, at Long-Gilbert Funeral Home, in Dixon, Mo. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 17, 2007, at Long-Gilbert Funeral Home. Interment in the Pisgah Cemetery, Dixon. Arrangements under the direction of Long-Gilbert Funeral Home, Dixon.

**Obituary: The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, May 17, 2007**

**Martha Davis Deere**, 90, of Lake Ozark died Saturday, May 12, 2007, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born Oct. 9, 1916, in Cross Timbers to Malcham Dent and Bashie Ann Bishop Dickerson. On June 27, 1934, she was married in Nowata, Okla., to John B. Deere, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Deere and her husband owned and operated the J.B. Deere Cedar Manufacturing Plant and Craft Store in Lake Ozark for a number of years. She was a member of the Lake Ozark Christian Church in Lake Ozark, the Arrowhead Garden Club, Brush and Palette Club, Creative Art Club, Half Century club, the Lions Club, the Newcomers and Longtimers Club, the Golden Age Center, NOAP Society, Niangua Chapter, DAR, Beta Sigma Phi and was a national Garden Club master judge and state flower show judge.

Surviving are her special friend, John T. McCrory of Camdenton; two daughters, Susan Basha Deere of Camdenton and Christine Deere of Ozark; a son, Byron Edward Deere of Lake Ozark; three grandchildren, Sarah Martha Deere of Liberty, Kelly Saisai and husband Chris of Ozark and A.J. Gallatin of Springfield; and a great Grandson, Aidan Saisai.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lake Ozark Christian Church with entombment in the Praying Hands Mausoleum in Lake Memorial Garden Cemetery in Osage Beach. Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges Funeral Home in Osage Beach.


Also surviving are a son, Tyler Brooks of Rocky Mount; a daughter, Whitney Femrite of the state of Oregon; two brothers, Gregory Nilges of Germany and Robbie Nilges of Belle; and five sisters, Rita Polly of Eldon, Sherie Craig of Belle, Amanda Crider of St. Charles, Robin Crabtree of Jefferson City and Tina Sohn of St. Clair.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the New Life Assembly of God at Barnett with the Rev. Ronnie Hess officiating. Burial will be in Eugene Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

**Obituary: Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, May 15, 2007**

**Janetta Kay (Lincoln) Drake**, age 45, of Eldon, died Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in Loveland, Colorado. She was born in Beach Grove, Indiana on November 19, 1961, a daughter of James Curtis and Judy Loretta (Atherton) Lincoln. Her parents survive in Eldon. On December 13, 1980, in Dexter, she was married to Tim Drake, who survives.

Others who survive her include: two daughters, Jessica Bryant and husband Ben of Osage Beach and Jordan Bysor and husband Brandon of Chesterfield; one son, Jason Drake of Eldon;
two grandchildren, Andrew and Juliana Bryant; one brother, Jimmy Lincoln and wife Jera of Tipton and three nephews, Clay, Joe and Sam Lincoln.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18, at First Assembly of God Church in Eldon. Rev. James Hedrick and Rev. Martha Tennison will officiate. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, in Dexter Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Janetta Drake Nursing Scholarship Memorial Fund.

Obituary: Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, May 18, 2007

Geraldine "Joe" Popejoy, 78, of Eldon, Mo., died on Thursday, May 17, 2007, in Columbia, Mo. She was born on September 2, 1928, in California, Mo. the daughter of Floyd Oesterly and Lorean Christina (Miller) Oesterly. She was married on November 25, 1950, in California, Mo. to Dr. M. Russell Popejoy who preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church of Eldon, Mo. She was also a member of the Evening Euterpean Club, several bridge clubs and a sewing club. She was past director of Meal's On Wheels and she served for many years as an election judge and was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Chris & Todd Hart, Russellville, Mo.; two sons and their wives, Sidney & Lori Popejoy and Kevin & Connie Popejoy both of Columbia, Mo.; four grandchildren, Katie Popejoy, Josh & Morgan Popejoy and Matthew Hart. Along with her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Lee Jane Meyer; and two grandchildren, Adam Popejoy & Lindsey Hart.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Eldon, Mo. with Pastor Peter Lange officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mary Agnes Borgmeyer Gray, age 91, of Jefferson City formerly of Meta, died Monday, May 21, 2007, at Maries Manor Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Vienna. She was born in Jefferson City on February 6, 1916, daughter of James and Mary (Swillum) Walsh. On August 31, 1935, in Jefferson City, she was married to Lambert Borgmeyer, who preceded her in death in 1974. On March 10, 1979, in Meta, she was married to John Gray, who preceded her in death in 1980.

She attended the Immaculate Conception Grade School and graduated from St. Peters High School in 1934. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jefferson City, St. Ann’s Sodality, Daughters of Isabella, AARP, Railroad Retirement, and an Auxiliary Member of St. Mary’s Health Center.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Zimmer and husband, Vernon of Brinktown and Dot Grotameyer of Columbia; five sons, Jim Borgmeyer and wife, Connie of Elk Grove, California, Dan Borgmeyer and wife, Pauline of Cary, North Carolina, Larry Borgmeyer of Holden, Jerry Borgmeyer and wife, Cassie of St. Joseph, and Gary Borgmeyer and wife, Chris of New Bloomfield; one brother, Dan Walsh of Jefferson City; one sister, Betty Schnieders of Jefferson City; 25 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Through her marriage to John Gray she was blessed with six stepchildren and their families. For the remainder of her life she enjoyed the warm embrace and endearing support of the Gray family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters; three brothers; one daughter, Mary Beth Borgmeyer; one son, Bob Borgmeyer; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta. Msgr. Marion Makarewicz will officiate. Interment will be in St. Cecilia Cemetery in Meta.
Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Mary’s Hospice or the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal at Perryville.

**Cleo Mlee Gardner**, age 100, of Belleville, Illinois, died on Monday, May 21, 2007, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Illinois. She was born in Iberia on May 7, 1907, daughter of Charles M. and Ella Mae (Wall) Long. On May 2, 1925, in St. Louis, she was married to Norman C. Gardner, Sr., who preceded her in death on September 26, 1981.

She was a charter member of Bethesda Baptist Church in Granite City, Illinois, and a member of Anchor of Life Assembly of God Church in Belleville. She enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, writing poetry, and music. A lady of faith, she loved her church and believed in Angels.

Survivors include five daughters, Eloise Tegel of Granite City, Illinois, Nina Shelton of Buffalo, Norma Campbell and husband, Robert of Potosi, Mary Jane Shelton and husband, Lloyd of Belleville, Illinois, and Donna Morris and husband, Robert of Brumley; two sons, Norman C. Gardner Jr. and wife, Dorothy of Granite City, Illinois, and Billy Lee Gardner and wife, Jessie of Granite City, Illinois; one sister, Virginia Edwards of Nebraska City, Nebraska; 31 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren; and other extended family and many dear friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Cecil, Harry, and Ralph Long; and one sister, Geneva Gibbany.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday and from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Hub Community Center at Anchor of Life Assembly of God Church in Belleville, Illinois.

**Sydney Sue Perkins**, age 51, of Iberia, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at her home. She was born in Iberia on February 23, 1956, daughter of Earl and Marguerite (Burch) Sherrell. On April 11, 1974, in Iberia, she was married to Herbert Ray Perkins, who survives at the home.

She lived and worked on the family farm. She loved gardening and raising companion pets. She was a member of the Iberia First Baptist Church.

Other survivors include two daughters, Jessica D. Whittle and husband, Shawn and Jennifer S. Pemberton and husband, Daniel; one son, Timothy E. Perkins and wife, Shyla; one sister, Joyce Burd and husband, Don; mother-in-law, Jessie Lam; five grandchildren, Klayton and Elliot Whittle, Adeline and Augustus Perkins, and Chesni Pemberton all of Iberia; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Calvin and Carl Sherrell; and one grandson, Michael Whittle.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, at the Iberia First Baptist Church. Rev. Glen Golden will officiate. Interment will be in Brays Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sydney Perkins Memorial Fund.

**Leona C. Koehler**, age 90, of Meta, died Saturday, May 19, 2007, at St. Mary’s Health Center. She was born in Koeltztown on December 2, 1916, daughter of Henry and Mary (Heisler) Hoeller. On December 2, 1940, in St. Louis, she was married to Frank Koehler, who preceded her in death on November 8, 1963. She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta.

Survivors include three sons, Frank Koehler Jr., Bill Koehler, and John Koehler all of Meta; one daughter, Mary Ann Farber of Los Angeles, California; and two grandsons, Jason Farber and Scott Farber both of Los Angeles, California. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Matilda Stumpe, and two brothers, Frank and Gus Hoeller.
Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta. Father Dandi Bermejo will officiate. Interment will be in St. Cecilia Cemetery in Meta. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the church with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

**Constance “Connie” Adele Gross,** 85, of Lebanon, formerly of Crocker, died Sunday, May 20, 2007, at the Christian Health Care North, Lebanon. She was born July 17, 1921, in Illinois to Walter Roy and Ada Elizabeth Gross. She was married to Charles William Gross, who died in 1988. Mrs. Gross was a member of the Crocker First Assembly of God.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Shoshana Gross of California and John and Yoko Gross of Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and James Helms of Lebanon and Patsy Ann Wedding of Florida; a brother, Walter and Judy Large of Kansas City, Kan.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Long Funeral Home in Crocker with Bro. Jimmy Moore officiating. Burial was in Crocker Cemetery.

**Richard Thomas Lawson**, 72, died Friday, May 11, 2007, after a long battle with cancer. He was born Dec. 29, 1934, at Iberia to Myrl and Inez Henson Lawson.

Mr. Lawson spent his younger years around Iberia. Later he made his home in and around St. Louis. He was a carpenter and owned his own business for several years, working as long as his health permitted. He was a member of Wheeler Church near Iberia.

Surviving are his daughter and her husband, Cynthia and Lance Studebaker of Lehr, Utah; a son and wife, Terry and Tina Lawson of Fenton; a stepson and wife, Scott and Lesa Irwin of Nixa; and six grandchildren. He was buried Saturday, May 19, at Lawson Cemetery near Iberia.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, May 23, 2007

**Riley Estella Evers**, infant daughter of Aaron and Jennill Evers, was stillborn at St. Marys Health Center on Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

Others who survive her include: her grandparents, Doug and Julie Yeakle, Greg and Cindy Evers and Marion and Jennifer Connell all of Eldon; great grandmothers, Betty Fisher and Wilma Evers both of Eldon, Jean Sykes of Barnett, Iris Yeakle of Stover and Pat Moore of Brookfield and numerous aunts and uncles.

Four great grandfathers, Donald Fisher, Charlie Evers, Luther Connell and Jerry Sykes and one uncle, Nicholas Allen Evers preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, at Eldon City Cemetery. Rev. Shirley Williams will officiate.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, May 25, 2007

**Adolph McEwen Ponder, Sr.**, age 76, of Iberia, formerly of Granite City, Illinois, died Friday, May 25, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in Iberia on December 8, 1930, son of Earl Otto and Ruby Flossie (Blankenship) Ponder.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy and worked as a rigger for Granite City Steel. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include two sons, Adolph M. Ponder, Jr. of Staunton, Illinois, and Thomas E. Ponder and wife, Dana of Troy, Illinois; two daughters, Doreen Ponder of Troy, Illinois, and Tammy Bickell and husband, Nathan of Eureka; one stepdaughter, Debbie Rickert and husband, Charles of Granite City, Illinois; one brother, Bobby Ponder of Pontoon Beach, Illinois; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was a dear uncle, cousin, and friend of many.
He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Danny Ponder, one daughter, Dolphine “Pheibe” Andrews; one sister, Betty Hutchinson; and one grandson, Jason Andrews.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Donald Brown will officiate. Interment with military honors will be in Hickory Point Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, May 26, 2007

Emma Lorene Ripka, age 86, of Meta, died Saturday, May 26, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born in Miller County on September 14, 1920, daughter of James Oliver and Katie Belle (Kesterson) Hodge. On March 16, 1938, in Vienna, she was married to Albert W. “Bud” Ripka, who preceded her in death on March 23, 1996.

Survivors include one brother, James Hodge and wife, Norma of Meta; one sister, Mabel Wheat of St. Elizabeth; one granddaughter, Melinda Sue Stumpe of Meta; three great-grandchildren, Ryan, Breanna, and Shania Stumpe all of Meta; one daughter-in-law, Jeannette Ripka of Meta, one sister-in-law, Inez Hodge of St. Elizabeth; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Darrell Ripka; two infant sons, James and Earl Ripka; one grandson, David Ripka; four sisters; and two brothers.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Interment will be in Stokes Cemetery near Meta.

Obituary: May 2007

Thetis Sylvester was born on August 20, 1929 in Kansas City, KS to Chester & Thetis O. Graham. She was the second of ten children. She was an air raid warden during WWII and co-hosted and sang on KCMO radio. She was also patriot and Christian.

Thetis married Frank Sylvester on July 23, 1949. Together they had five children Eric (Nancy), Dennis, Danny, Erin and Tim. She loved to entertain her beloved grandchildren Jake, T.J., Sarah, Becky, Rachel Rizzo (& Jon ), Jessie(& Bobby Chambers), Chris, Jennie, Zachary Myers, Kelley, Brett & Greg Williams and one great-grandchild, Rylee.

She had a career in insurance between raising kids and grandkids. She leaves behind her mother-in-law, brothers & sisters, brothers & sisters-in-laws, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends whom she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by beloved son Erin, parents, great grand parents, her brothers Thomas and Glenn. She was our light, she loved her family above all else, we miss you dearly and we know you have already hugged Erin for us.

Until we meet again, love, your family. Service and burial will be Saturday, June 2 at D.W. Newcomer's Johnson County Funeral Chapel & Cemetery, 11200 Metcalf Ave., OP, KS. Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30, with the funeral service immediately following. Memorial contributions are suggested to Olathe Medical Center. Arr: DW Newcomer's Sons.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, Wednesday, May 29, 2007

Lucille I. Dickneite, age 77, of St. Elizabeth, died Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born in Miller County on April 13, 1930, daughter of John and Mary (Hake) Berhorst. On November 24, 1951, in Mary’s Home, she was married to Norbert Dickneite, Sr., who preceded her in death on February 18, 1979.

She had worked as a nurse at Humphreys Hospital in Tuscumbia and for Still Hospital in Jefferson City until 1969. She was a star route mail carrier with her husband until his death. She drove a school bus for the St. Elizabeth School District. In 1979 she went to work for Langenberg Hat Factory in St. Elizabeth and retired in 1995. She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. She was active in the community and church and volunteered at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. She loved spending time with her granddaughters.
Survivors include one son, Norbert Dickneite, Jr. and wife, Carol of St. Elizabeth; three granddaughters, Jamie, Jenna, and Jada Dickneite all of St. Elizabeth; one brother-in-law, Alfred Dickneite, Sr. and wife, Irene of St. Elizabeth; one sister-in-law, Louise Lepper of St. Elizabeth; nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Herbert Berhorst, one sister, Lorraine Vogel; and one brother-in-law, Clarence Lepper.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB, will officiate. Interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday at the St. Elizabeth Community Center with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, Wednesday, May 29, 2007

**Kalen Grace Clark**, age 19, Iberia, Missouri, was born on May 16, 1988, at Rolla, Missouri. She left all of us who loved her on May 29, 2007, as the result of an automobile accident. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Wayne and Dorothy Setser, of Richland, and paternal grandfather, Dalton Clark of Dixon.

Kalen was a 2006 graduate of Iberia High School and had completed her freshman year in college at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri. She was looking forward to her sophomore year at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. Kalen was an extremely intelligent girl with a vital personality; as a result, she had many friends. Kalen had a great love of animals, and she enjoyed her job working at Pet Harbor in Osage Beach. She was baptized as a small girl and was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Swedeborg.

Those left to mourn the passing of Kalen include: her mother, Pamela Owen Clark of Iberia; her father and stepmother, James D. and Elaine Clark of Dixon; her birth father, Danny Goosen and wife, Meghan of Pennsylvania; three brothers, Chad S. Clark of Chicago, Illinois, Billy Clark and wife, Kendal of Marshfield, Missouri, and Michael Clark of Dixon, Missouri; one sister, Mary Boese and husband, Justin of Columbia, Missouri; aunt and uncle, Pat and Earl Posten of Richland, Missouri; grandparents, Herb and Mary Goosen of Richland, Missouri; grandmother, Louise Clark of Dixon, Missouri; one stepbrother, Joshua Carroll of Springfield, Missouri; one stepsister, Jentry Carroll of Dixon, Missouri; best friend, Amy Luttrell; and many other dear relatives and friends.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Alan Koch officiating. Interment will be in Bethlehem Cemetery near Swedeborg. Pallbearers for Kalen are Brody Ash, Andy Doyle, Chris Duncan, Derek McCubbin, Cameron Shiverdeck, and Ryan Workman. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kalen Grace Clark Memorial Fund.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, Thursday, May 30, 2007

**G. Dennis Scheiderer**, age 56, of Olean, died Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. He was born in Moberly on April 1, 1951, a son of the late Gustav Henry and Margaret W. (Biere) Scheiderer. On July 2, 1977, at Leonard Christian Church, he was married to Sandra Gander, who survives at the home.

Dennis was raised in Salisbury where he was baptized and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. In 1969 Dennis graduated valedictorian from Salisbury High School. In 1973 he received a Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry and a minor in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri Columbia, where he was also a member of the Beta Sigma Psi fraternity. He began working for Farm Credit Services in Edina. He then moved to Muscatine, Iowa, where he worked for Kent Feed and then later returned to Missouri to work for Farm Credit Services in Canton and Kirksville and then the Bank of Kirksville. Dennis was later employed with Citizens Bank of Eldon for 10 years where he was vice president of the loan department. He
was very active in S.C.O.R.E.; a financial advisory organization and was a part of the Eldon Development Corporation through the Eldon Chamber of Commerce. He was the livestock chairman for the Miller County Fair Board and was also on the board of directors for the Independent Living Resource Center. Dennis was a member of Eldon Kiwanis, where he served on all chairs including president, vice president and past Lieutenant Governor of District 11. He was also a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Eldon, where he served on the board of directors and was an elder. Dennis enjoyed being outdoors, farming and gardening. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends; especially his three sons.

Others who survive him include: three children, Derrick Austin, Drew Anthony and Seth Landon Scheiderer, all of the home; one sister, Patsy Scheiderer of Salisbury; one uncle, Paul Biere, three aunts, Vera Wirth, Lorene Gebhardt and Edith Riddle and his companion and guide dog, Pembroke.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 4, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Eldon. Pastor Pete Lange will officiate. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association, Bethany Lutheran Church or Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, Sunday, June 2, 2007

Elmer Francis “Buddy” Barnhart, age 68, of Iberia, died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in Ulman on December 7, 1938, son of Andrew Thomas and Ruth Pauline (Wyrick) Barnhart. His mother survives in Waterville, Washington.

On July 10, 1960, in Tuscumbia, he was married to Mary Evelyn Robinett, who survives at the home.

He worked for many years at Stanton Novelty in Lake Ozark and for Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach until his retirement. He loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and visiting with friends. He was known on the CB as “Billy the Kid.”

Other survivors include one son, Larry Barnhart and wife, Wendy of Iberia; five brothers, Bill Barnhart, Johnny Barnhart, Jimmy Barnhart, Leroy Barnhart, and Jerry “Pete” Barnhart all of Eldon; two sisters, Fay Garino of Omak, Washington, and Pamela Sue Coffman of Etterville; and four grandchildren, Jessica, Amanda, Nikki, and Kurstyn Barnhart.

He was preceded in death by his father; one granddaughter, Taylor Barnhart; and one sister, Peggy Berry.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Tuscumbia. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Buddy Barnhart Memorial Fund.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, Monday, June 4, 2007

Curtis Wayne Beal, age 54, of Iberia, died Monday, June 4, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born in Maries County on July 3, 1952, son of Thurman Elvie and Violet Irene (Riedesel) Beal. He was a member of Iberia First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, Carl Beal of Iberia; and three sisters, Ruby Dietz of Waterloo, Illinois, Bessie Roberts of Higbee, and Hazel Beal of Iberia. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The body was cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. A family graveside service will be held at a later date.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Thursday, June 7, 2007

Virginia Sullins, 78, of Eldon, Mo., died Tuesday, June 5, 2007, in Jefferson City. She was married on Sept. 20, 1946, to Ed Sullins who preceded her in death. Survivors include: two
daughters, Scherry Branstetter and Barbara Forster; one son, Kenny Sullins; five grandchildren;
two great-grandchildren; sister, Jerrie Schnieder; five brothers, Victor, Howard, Willard, Russell
and Wallace Biederstedt.

Visitation will be from 5-7:30 p.m. on Thurs., June 7, at the Phillips Funeral Home.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, June 8, 2007

Bill "Burrhead" Curtman, 73, of Crocker, died Wednesday, June 6, 2007, in Crocker.

He was born April 11, 1934, in Iberia, the son of Fred and Mary Patterson Curtman. He was

Survivors include: two brothers, Dean Curtman, Iberia, Larry Curtman and Minnie
Robinson, Crocker; and many nieces and nephews.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, Saturday, June 9, 2007

Billie Mae Luttrell, age 68, of Brumley, died Thursday, June 7, 2007, at her home. She
was born in Brumley on October 31, 1938, daughter of Rawl and Alma Ann (Hedrick) Devore.
On September 22, 1956, in Hawkeye, she was married to Donnie Firl Luttrell, who survives at the
home. She was a homemaker and a member of Brumley Christian Church.

Other survivors include two daughters, Robin Whittle and husband, Rick of Brumley, and
Rita Howser of Brumley; one brother, Gary Devore of Brumley; two sisters, Colleen O’Dell and
Melva Plemmons both of Brumley; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and nieces
and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Jimmy Dale Devore; and three
sisters, Louise Maxine Fry, Ruby Jean Whittle, and Ruth Pauline Duncan.

Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Mark Kessler officiating.

Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to
a charity of the donor’s choice.

The Eldon Advertiser, Thursday, June 7, 2007

Dolores R. Pointer Martin, 83, of Olean died Friday, June 1, 2007, at Olean. She was born June
2, 1923, in Brighton, Colo., to Henry and Anna Nierman Stunkel. On May 17, 1945, she was
married to Keith C. Pointer, who died Sept. 23, 1963. On July 9, 1965, she was married to
Stanley E. Martin, who died Feb. 25, 1971. Mrs. Martin was a member of the Seventh Day
Adventist Church in Jefferson City.

Surviving her are: a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Sarah Pointer of Olean; a daughter
and son-in-law, Sylvia and Tim Allen of Olean; 10 grandchildren; April Zeedel, Jennifer
Wallendorf, Susan Johns, Lisa Phillips, Matthew Hoermann, Lonnie Pointer, Todd Pointer,
Rachel Koenke, Linda Frazier and Kelly Homan; 14 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Frieda
Washburn of Rocky Mount. A son, Calvin K. Pointer and a daughter, Jeannine Hoormann
preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Burial
was in Greenridge Cemetery near Eldon. Memorials may be made to the Seventh Day Adventist
Church in Jefferson City.
The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, June 14, 2007

**Mildred Eiffert Atwell**, 90, of Leawood, Kan., died Tuesday, June 12, 1007, at Galway Home in Leawood. She was born March 21, 1917, in Miller County to Joseph F. and Emma J. Jarrett Sloan. On April 19, 1941, she was married in Lancaster to Carl Eiffert, who died Oct. 24, 1993. On Jan. 31, 1998, she was married in Dixon to Harry Atwell, who died Oct. 13, 2005.

Mrs. Atwell was a member of the Dixon Church of Christ.

Surviving are three nieces, Kay Clark Watson of Raytown, Karen Virgil of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Kyla Roundtree of Sparta, Ill.; three great-nieces; five great-nephews; and great-great-nephews. Two sisters, Brooksie Smiley and Thelma Law, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday with services immediately following at 2 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Jack Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

**Edith Marie Williams**, 91, of Dixon died Monday, June 11, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. She was born Oct. 4, 1915, in Maries County to Elmer and Bertie Burnham Blankenship. On Jan. 29, 1938, she was married in Rolla to Howard Blaine Williams, who died Dec. 14, 1975.

Mrs. Williams taught school for more than 38 years in many local schools and on an Indian reservation in Nevada. She was a member of Campground Christian Church.

Surviving are a son, Ted Williams of Dixon; a brother, Bill Blankenship of Iberia; and two sisters, Nina Pendleton and Imogene Wilson of Iberia.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with services immediately following. Bro. Manuel Seaton will officiate. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery near Dixon. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

**Douglas Joe Dake**, 49, died June 10, 2007, at Center Point Hospital in Independence. He was born Nov. 20, 1957, at Crocker to George Jr. and Marilyn Sue Humphrey Dake, who lived in Iberia. They both preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother, Gary Wayne Dake of Iberia; a sister, Tina Rae Thomas-Hadley of Rockport, Texas; three sons, Johnny Joe Dake and Dustin Dake, both of Independence, and Jason Clark of Blue Springs; a daughter, Misty Clark of Blue Springs; and three grandchildren.


Surviving in addition to her parents are two daughters, Tamaka Jewel Hopkins of Sedalia and Adriana T’merean Grimes of Eldon; a son, Johnny Junior Hopkins of Sedalia; two sisters, Billie Sue Mace of the state of Wisconsin and Sunny Copenhaver of Eldon; a brother, Lee Mace of Columbia; grandparents Eva Moore of Syracuse, Ralph Moore of Union Star and Kenny Eads of Syracuse; and a great-grandmother, Barbara Merrifield of Eldon.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Graveside services will be held at noon Friday at the Tuscumbia Cemetery. Memorials may be made in care of the family.

**Bonnie Deane Hudson**, 80, died May 20, 2007. She was a daughter of Everett and Nora Pankey Roark of Eldon. She was the widow of Lucien W. Hudson of Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Hudson was retired from GTE and remained an active member of the employees’ association.
Surviving her are a daughter, Jacqueline Valle of Nicholasville, Ky.; a son, Richard Hudson of Lexington, Ky.; a granddaughter, Danita Valle; a great-grandson, Tristan Rotunda; a sister, Carolyn Roark Fenton of Eldon; and a brother, Ralph Roark of Tusculumia.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother and sister, Richard Roark, Sr., of Eldon and Virginia Lea Roark Wallace of Belton, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, July 12, 2007

Gerald Paul Robinson, 86, of Spanish Fort, Alabama, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007. He was born Dec. 22, 1920, in Ulman.

Mr. Robinson was graduated from School of the Osage and received a bachelor of science degree from Southwest Missouri University and a master’s degree of education administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He served on the USS San Jacinto (CVL-30) in the Pacific during World War II. As a pilot in VT45 he was awarded three Distinguished Flying Crosses and five Air Medals for his valor. His squadron helped sink the last Japanese battleship, the Yamato off the coast of Iwo Jima.

Mr. Robinson retired from the Baldwin County School System after 36 years as a principal, teacher and coach of several sports. Twenty-six years were spent as the principal of Daphne Middle School and Daphne Middle School and Daphne Elementary School. He was the first president of the Daphne Lions Club and served as the Senior Warden of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Daphne, as well as a lay reader and choir member.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Rochelle Hobbs; a son, Gerald P. Robinson Jr. of Gulf Shores Alabama; two daughters and sons-in-law, Regina and C.W. Rogers of San Diego and Linnea and William B. Israel of Birmingham, Alabama; grandchildren and their spouses, Lt. Cam and Tanya Rogers, Greg and Melanie Rogers, Sarah and Julia and Christi Israel; three great-grandchildren, Morgan, Sean and Aidan Rogers; and a brother, Bryant L. Robinson of Wellington, Kan.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 26 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Daphne. Memorials may be made to the Gerald Paul Robinson Scholarship Fund, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 28788 N. Main St., Daphne, AL 36526 or to the Alabama Juvenile Arthritis Initiative, The Arthritis Foundation, 2700 Hwy. 280 E., Suite 180, Birmingham, AL 35223.

The Iberia Sentinel, May 29, 1941

Charley Boren, long time resident of Miller County, died at his home near Hawkeye early Saturday morning, May 24, of a tubercular ailment of which he had been a sufferer for a long time. He was born September 27, 1880, being at the time of his death 60 years, 7 months, and 27 days old.

He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter; four brothers, Hite of Hawkeye, Mo.; Adam of Springfield, Mo.; Scott of Perth, Okla.; and John of Kellyville, Okla.; and four sisters, Mrs. G.A. Wall and Mrs. Jane Wall, both of near Iberia; Mrs. Mat Geer of Urich, Mo.; and Mrs. Eva Fuller of Fresno, Calif.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith of Brumley, were held from the Pleasant Hill Christian Church, west of Iberia, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o’clock, after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place under direction of the Adams & Casey Funeral Home of Iberia.

Isaac Phillips, highly respected and life-long citizen of the Brumley community, passed away at his home last Saturday, cause of his death being pneumonia. His occupation had been farming.
Funeral services conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith of Brumley, were held from the Brumley Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o’clock. Interment was made in the Robinett Cemetery near Brumley under direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were his six sons.

Isaac Phillips was born May 18, 1861, and departed this life May 24, 1941, at the age of 80 years and six days. He became a member of the Christian Church early in life. In 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Prudy Hagerman, and to this union eight children were born—six sons and two daughters—namely: Clarence and Arthur of Brumley, Mo.; Fred, Clate and Nolen, all of Iowa; Harden of Ulman, Mo.; Mrs. Margaret Rainwater of Montreal, Mo.; and Mrs. Maude Godfrey of Fisk, Mo.

Mr. Phillips leaves to mourn his passing his wife and the eight children, 25 grandchildren; one brother, Lace Phillips of Brumley, and one sister, Mrs. Pollyanna Hollingsworth of Owensville, Mo.

Elda S. Prater, son of Mr. and Mrs. East Prater, born in Crocker Dec. 13, 1905, died at his home in Pine Lawn, Mo., on May ninth at the age of 35 years. He had been in poor health for about three months.

He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. East Prater of Crocker, his wife and three small children; five sisters, Zora Routh of Crocker, Addir Wall of Iberia, Ethel Duncan, Pearl Sneed, and Dorothy Bolin of St. Louis; three brothers, Emery of St. Louis, John of Van, Taxas and Ora of Loyalton, Calif.

Iberia Sentinel, June 5, 1941

Jesse Oren Stillwell, son of Elias and Mary Stillwell, was born at Elixir Springs, Arkansas, July 8, 1882. He departed this life in the U.S. Veterans’ Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, May 28, 1941, at 6:55 p.m. at the age of 58 years, 10 months and 20 days.

Mr. Stillwell was a bachelor, and leaves surviving him as his next of kin, W.S. Stillwell, a brother of Tuscumbia, and an aged sister of the half blood, Mrs. J.A. St. Clair, of Kansas City, Missouri.

In his young manhood he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Warrensburg, Missouri, and continued in this faith until his death. The most of his life was spent at Warrensburg, where he was in the tailoring business for a number of years. In 1930 he moved to Tuscumbia and purchased a small home, where he lived quietly and humbly during the remainder of his life.

Jesse Oren Stillwell spent a number of years in the service of his State and Government. He served two enlistments in the Missouri National Guard, one in Co. E, 3rd Mo. Inf. and one in Co. L, 6th Missouri Infantry, being discharged with the rank of Sergeant from the latter organization. While serving in the National Guard he saw service on the Border during the trouble with Mexico, and early in the World War and while serving in the Missouri National Guard, he was inducted into the Federal Service. The most of his Federal service was in Co. B 140th Infantry, 35th Division, and he saw active service in the front line during the Meuse-Argonne Battle in September and October, 1918. From disabilities incurred in the in the line of duty, he was not able to perform manual labor after his discharge in June 1919.

Owing to his friendly and jovial disposition, “Sho rty” as he was commonly called, had the happy faculty of making friends wherever he was known, and who will mourn his passing.

Unknown Publication, February 1920

Helena Berendzen was born in Germany and cam to this side with her parents when only a few years old. She departed this life February 22, 1920, at the age of 83 years and 5 months. She died of pneumonia after a short illness. All medical aid and loving hands could do would not stay the grim reaper. Her husband and daughter, Margaret preceded her to the grave.
28 years ago. She is survived by 6 sons and 5 daughters: Henry of Oklahoma, John, Frank, Ben, Herman and William of Mary’s Home, Mrs. Mary Hemmel of Jefferson City, Mrs. Katie Bungart, Mrs. Adeline Morgan, and Mrs. John Schulte of Mary’s Home. They all attended the funeral, except Henry, who had just been out on a visit a short time before her death.

She was staying with her daughter, Mrs. John Schulte, at the time of her death. Mrs. John Schulte’s home was a pitiful scene, as the whole family were ill and unable to attend the funeral. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. P.J. Weber on Feb. 24.

Jasper Hensley, 82, of Eldon died Sunday, July 22, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. He was born May 4, 1925, near Iberia to Milton and Nettie Bond Hensley. On Aug. 18, 1947, he was married in Tusculum to Dorothy Dawson who survives at the home.

Mr. Hensley was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in Hawaii. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge of Brumley, was a member of the Ulman Christian Church and was a board member of the Gott Cemetery. He raised turkeys near Ulman for many years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Jim “Dick” Hensley and wife Stella of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; a daughter, DeAnn Sanning of Tusculum; four grandchildren, Eric Hensley and wife Amy, Janet Hensley, Mike Hensley and Drew Sanning; three great-grandchildren, Andrew, Ella and Austin Hensley; and a sister, Ocal Cavanah. A son, David Hensley, preceded him in death.

Visitation was held form 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Bro. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Gott Cemetery near Ulman. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Donald C. Lawson, 72, of Iberia died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, at his home. He was born July 24, 1936, in Iberia to William Clarence and Myrtle Marie Branson Lawson. On July 5, 1955, he was married in Iberia to Janis Gail Livingston, who survives at the home.

Mr. Lawson was a graduate of Linn Tech and later was employed at McDonnell Douglas, working in fighter jets.

Also surviving him are two sons, Donald James Lawson of Republic and Rick Lawson of Springfield; a daughter, Jeanne Amos of Iberia; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers, Myrel Lawson of Brumley, Charles Lawson of Florissant and Bill Lawson of O’Fallon; and a sister, Betty Prater of Washington.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Rekus funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Glen Golden officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Jim Matt Lawson Cemetery.

Obituary: Unknown publication, 1962

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church for James Ivey Harbison, a former Miller County resident. Mr. Harbison, 80, died last Thursday at the home of a daughter-in-law and grandson, Mrs. Wayne Buck Harbison and Darrell Harbison at Wellsville, Kan.

Mr. Harbison was born Dec. 19, 1881, at Etterville, a son of Joe and Margaret (Graham) Harbison, and grew to manhood in the Etterville community. In February, 1904, he was married to Beulah Russell.

Mr. Harbison became engaged in farming and stayed around the Etterville-Eldon vicinity until 1926 when he moved with his family to Hillsdale, Kan. He resided there on a farm until he moved in 1931 to Wellsville where he operated a truck line until 1938.
He returned to Eldon, and operated a filling station where he suffered a stroke in July 1953. At that time he went to Wellsville to make his home with a son and family where he was at the time of his death.

Jim, as he was known by his friends, made daily trips to town to visit. His pastime was his garden in which he was working at the time he was fatally stricken last Thursday, apparently with a heart attack.

Mr. Harbison is survived by two sons, Paul of Wellsville and Dorset of West Covina, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Roba Glen Thorn of Garnett, Kan.; two grandsons, Gary Harbison of West Covina and Darrell Harbison of Wellsville; two great-grandchildren, Lori and Gary Jr., of West Covina; and one brother, Albert Harbison of Eldon.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Reuben in February 1921, and Wayne Buck in January, 1962. One sister, Zenie Belshe, died in 1917.

The Rev. C.N. Van Dyke officiated at the services Sunday. Interment was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

The Eldon Advertiser, June 1937

Lemuel Francis Agee was born January 24, 1856, in Osage County. He was united in marriage to Miss Palona F. Wills October 25, 1875. To this union five children were born, Mrs. Gertie Milburn of Olean, Lawrence Agee of Russellville, Mo., Mrs. Emma Hill of California, Mo., Oliver Agee, address unknown, and James Leslie Agee who preceded him 45 years ago. His wife preceded him in death Nov. 23, 1913. Besides his children he leaves one brother and one sister, F.W. Agee of Blain, Wash., and Mrs. Bell Mathews of near Hope, Mo. He leaves 12 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Agee professed faith in Christ at the age of 29 years of age and united with the Green Ridge Baptist Church. Later in life he transferred his membership to the Olean Baptist Church where he was a member at the time of his death, being 81 years, 5 months, and 21 days of age.

For 52 years he walked with God until the summons came for him to come up higher. It can be truly said of him that he was a good man, and he will be missed as a faithful servant of Christ in the home, church and community, and as a counselor of a Deacon for more than 40 years. In his passing he will be missed, for he is resting from his labors and his works do follow him. He will be greatly missed but in our memory he will live forever.

Deacons of Olean Church,
Henry R. Amos


Lloyd C. “Coach” Helms, 71, Eldon, died Monday at Boone Retirement Center, Columbia. He was born May 3, 1919, in Olean, a son of James E. and Mary E. Vann Helms. He was married Nov. 29, 1946, in Sedalia to Gladys Foster, who survives at the home.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and served in Burma and India. He served in the National Guard for seven years after World War II. He attended Drury College, Springfield, and was a graduate of Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg. He did graduate work at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He played professional basketball in Louisville, Ky. He taught and coached in Stover, Tipton and Warrenton. He moved to Eldon in 1960 where he taught COE and social studies, coached basketball, golf and track, and served as assistant football coach until retirement in 1962.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Eldon, the American Vocational Association, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Missouri State Teachers Association and the Eldon Classroom Teachers Association.

Other survivors include one son, Cleet Helms, Jefferson City; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Burial will be in Eldon City Cemetery.
A 32-year-old physically handicapped St. Elizabeth man drowned Sunday night while fishing in Big Tavern Creek about six miles north of St. Elizabeth. He was Herman Rehagen, who lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rehagen.

He was fishing with Norbert Buschjost, who said he slipped into the rapidly moving creek. Buschjost was unable to get to him, he said. Rehagen was handicapped as a result of infantile paralysis. His body was recovered about three hours later.

Besides his parents, Rehagen is survived by a brother, Lawrence, and a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Kirkweg, also of St. Elizabeth. Services will be held tomorrow morning in St. Elizabeth.

Mary L. Miller, 77, of Silex died Aug. 9, 1991, at Lincoln County Memorial Hospital in Troy. She was born June 9, 1914 in Iberia to Selby John and Samantha Josephine Mace Heltzell. On Feb. 22, 1941 she was married in St. Charles to Edward Miller, who survives.

Mrs. Miller was graduated from Iberia High School and attended Iberia Junior College. She lived in Lincoln and Pike counties all of her married life and taught school there. She was a member of the Scopic Club of Silex, St. Alphonsus Church and the Sacred Heart Church Sewing Club.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Miller is survived by two sons, Bob Miller of Bowling Green and Donald S. Miller of Silex; five daughters, Eska Wink of Gray, Maine, Carol Zeiss and Mary Jane Quade, both of Silex, Nancy Jo Dillman of St. Charles and Jackie Monroe of Hawk Point; three foster children; a sister, Eska Fendorf of St. Louis; and 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 12 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Millwood with the Rev. Gerald Curtin officiating. Burial was in St. Alphonsus Cemetery under the direction of Mudd-Veach Funeral Home in Silex.

Ella M. Swanson, 89, of St. Louis, died July 3, 1989 at the ______ Medical Center in St. Louis. She was born on Jan. 30, 1900 in Tuscumbia to Frank W. and Mary Isabelle Martin Fendorf.

On Aug 8, 1923, she was married in Eldon to Hannis M. Swanson who died on December 29, 1987. Mrs. Swanson retired as a bank teller at the Bank of Tuscumbia.

Survivors include: two sons, H. M. Swanson of Marietta, Ga. and Ronald Swanson of Manchester; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m., July 6 at the Phillips Funeral Chapel with Rev. Joe David Ruffin officiating. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Maude Houser Wyrick, 92, of Versailles, died Wednesday morning, Jan. 25, 1984, at St. John’s Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Dec. 30, 1891 in Tuscumbia, the daughter of the late James E. and Martha Jane Hawken Clark.

She was married to R.F. Houser, who preceded her in death in 1959. She later married Peter B. Wyrick, who preceded her in death in 1969. She was a retired teacher, and a member of the First Christian Church in Versailles.

She is survived by one daughter, Maudine Eckard, of St. Louis; two step-daughters, Daunta Self, Kansas City, Mo., and Omega Allen of New Bloomfield; one step-son, Julius Wyrick of Dupo, Ill., two sisters, Anna George, Camdenton, Mrs. Grace Vernon, Eldon; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
The funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home, Versailles, with Pastor Jim Randall officiating. Burial will be at the Tuscumbia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. today.

Unknown Publication, 1979

Word has been received here of the recent death of Ovid A. Martin, 75, retired Associated Press agricultural writer in Washington, D.C. for more than 30 years. Mr. Martin, a native of Miller County, died at his home in McLean, Va. He had retired from the AP in 1969 following a stroke.

His stories from Washington spanned the administrations of six secretaries of agriculture, from Henry A. Wallace to Orville L. Freeman.

Mr. Martin was born in Iberia and began newspaper work on his father’s weekly, the Miller County Autogram, in Tuscumbia. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism in 1927, and worked on several papers before joining the AP in Kansas City in 1933.

In 1934 he was named correspondent in Topeka, Kan., and was assigned to Washington in 1936.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Rowena Martin; a daughter, Ann Martin of Vancouver, B.C., and three sisters, Mrs. Jack Brewer, Harvard, Mass.; Mrs. Helen Miller, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Anita McClain, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Other references list his life span as 1904-1979

Unknown Publication, February 1972

Mrs. Helena Elizabeth Holzman of 7201 E. 107th Terrace, Kansas City, a former Tuscumbia resident, died Monday, Jan. 31, 1972, at Lexington Memorial Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon with the Rev. Walter D. Simpson officiating. Burial will be in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Mrs. Holzman, familiarly known as Lena, was born May 28, 1884 near Tuscumbia, the daughter of the late John C. and Lucy (Birdsong) Bassman. She was a member of the Tuscumbia Christian Church.

Most of her adult life was spent in Kansas City and Chicago. She was married to Clarence W. Holzman who died in 1953.

Mrs. Holzman is survived by two sisters, Mrs. L.A. (Ercell) Wright of Eldon, and Mrs. Phreda Lang of Kansas City; and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Elona Stobaugh of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Jane Schultze of Cleveland, Ohio.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, October 1992

Eula L. Thomson, 78, of Eldon died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1992, at Still Regional Medical Center in Jefferson City. She was born Feb. 11, 1914, in Miller County to Tom and Eva Hicks Apperson. On June 7, 1937, she was married in Jefferson City to Ormond Thomson, who died Dec. 4, 1987.

Mrs. Thomson had worked as a waitress and cook in restaurants. She was a lifetime resident of Miller County and was a member of the Saline Valley Church of Christ.

Surviving her are three daughters, Virginia Thomas of Eldon, Sue Zaugg of Prairie Home and Buenta Winfrey of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister, Ruby Jackson; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with Louis Garbi officiating. Burial was in Greenmore Memorial Park at Barnett.
Mabel E. Malmberg Yoakum, 85, of Iberia died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, at Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center at Tuscumbia. She was born Oct. 19, 1921, in rural Miller County to Frank Herbert and Alaska Elizabeth Dake Malmberg. On Nov. 26, 1939, she was married in Iberia to George Washington Yoakum, who died May 23, 2002.

Mrs. Yoakum worked at Fort Leonard Wood for 32 years, retiring as Post Exchange manager. She was a member of Iberia American Legion Post 105 Ladies Auxiliary, the Iberia Order of the Eastern Star and the Iberia Community Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Ruth Yoakum of Iberia; two grandchildren and their spouses, Valerie and Keith Cutright of St. Peters and Sandy and Bruce Marcus of Florissant and four great-grandchildren, Mellissa Marcus, Ben Marcus, Scott Cutright and Sarah Cutright.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia, with an American Legion Auxiliary Service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Iberia American Legion Post 105 or Union Cemetery.

Mary H. “Spin” Malmberg, 75, of Ulman died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, at her home. She was born Sept. 20, 1932, in Brumley to Fred J. and Mabel E. Grosvenor Luttrell. On Dec. 24, 1957, she was married in Iberia to John Edward Malmberg, who died Sept. 21, 1981. Mrs. Malmberg was a member of Bibleway Church of Eldon.

Surviving her are two daughters and their husbands, Ginger and Tony Wright and Regina and Tom Ash, all of Ulman; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Verna Davis and Bonnie Rodden, both of Brumley; and two brothers, Fred “Tob” Luttrell of Brumley and Ted Luttrell of Eldon.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with Pastor Melvin Vaughn officiating. Burial was in Madden Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Mary Malmberg Memorial Fund.

Wilburn Junior Wilson, 71, of Iberia died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. He was born Aug. 16, 1936, in Quaker, Mo., to Roy and Irene Blair Wilson. On Nov. 16, 1957, he was married in St. Louis to Esther Lee Malmberg who survives at the home. Mr Wilson worked for 44 years at Bussman Fuse in Ellisville, retiring in 1997.

Also surviving him are two daughters and husbands, Sheila and Mike Farnham of Iberia and Donna and Mark Whitwell of St. Peters; a son and wife, David and Julie Wilson of Trimble; two brothers, Gene Wilson of O’Fallon and Ronnie Wilson of St. Charles; two sisters, Shirley Pankey of St. Louis and Velma Randazzo of St. Peters; five grandchildren and their spouses, Christa and Toan Luu, Teri Wilson, Kevin and Liana Wilson, Ashley Whitwell and Matt Whitwell; and three great grandchildren, Jonah, Jaden and Marggie Luu.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Madden Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to the cemetery.

Unknown Publication: June 1946

Mrs. Martha J. Clark, one of Tuscumbia’s most respected women, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. H. George, at Linn Creek Tuesday morning, as a result of complication of disease incident to age. Mrs. Clark’s health began failing fastly the latter part of last year, when she went to live with her daughters, where she passed away.

Arrangements raze made to have the funeral service at the Tuscumbia Christian Church on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o’clock, conducted by Rev. W.E. Waddell, pastor of the Crocker
Christian Church, with burial at the Tuscumbia Cemetery under the direction of the Bankson-Woolery Funeral Home of Camdenton.

Martha J. Hawken was born near Tuscumbia on June 11, 1865, the daughter of John and Anna Hawken, both deceased.

She was united in marriage to James E. Clark, January __, 1888, and to this union five children were born, four of whom are living, one having died in infancy.

Those who are living are Mrs. P. H. George of Linn Creek, Mrs. Edgar Vernon of Eldon, Mrs. Farris House of Kaiser, and Edna of the home. Two brothers and one sister also survive. They are Mrs. Emma Allen and W.C. Hawken of Kansas City, Mo., and Samuel P. Hawken of Tuscumbia. There are eight grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death twenty-five years ago.

She was united with the Christian Church at Tuscumbia when a young woman and lived a Christian life until her death. She will be sadly missed by all as she was a loving mother and friend to all. To know her was to love her.

Myrtle Marie Klindt, wife of Fred Klindt of near Eugene, passed away quite suddenly at her home Wednesday evening, September 8, 1948. She was the victim of a stroke and lived only a short time. Her sudden death is indeed a severe shock to her dear relatives and many friends.

She was a woman who was most active in her community life. She was a member of the Eugene Country club and had been active in 4-H club work in recent years and was interested in the youth of the community. She was a graduate of the Tuscumbia High School and had attended the Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg. She followed the teaching profession for several years. Many neighbors and friends will miss Mrs. Klindt from the community and all the friendly helpful things she did for everyone.

As a girl she accepted Christ as her Savior, and became a member of the Tuscumbia Baptist Church. When she came to Eugene to live she transferred her membership to the Eugene Christian Church where she has since been active in its work.

Myrtle Marie Hawken was born near Tuscumbia January 23, 1907. Her parents were Sam P. and America Hawken of Tuscumbia. She lived in this community all her life. She married Fred Klindt on November 3, 1934.

One brother, John Hawken, preceded her in death in 1932.

Surviving her are her dear husband and one stepson, Kenneth Klindt, of Eugene and her parents and 7 brothers and sisters. They are: Mable Wyrick, Wayne Hawken, and Nellie Vernon, all of Kansas City, Kansas and Francie Hawken of Kansas City, Missouri. Jessie Hawken of Tuscumbia, and Perry Hawken of Jefferson City, and Opal Lewis of Baxter Spring, Kansas.

She also leaves several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other dear relatives besides many, many friends.

Funeral services 2 p.m. Friday, September 10, at Eugene Church with Rev. E. Y. Keiter at Eugene Christian Church. Burial at the Spring Garden Cemetery with the Kays Funeral service in charge.

The Eldon Advertiser, Thursday, February 5, 1981

Mrs. Minnie Alice (Messersmith) Klindt, 94, Tuscumbia, a lifelong resident of Miller County, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 1981, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City.

She was born Nov. 9, 1886, at Tuscumbia to Arthur and Nancy Hawken Small. In 1905 she was married to Charles M. Messersmith, who died in 1939. In 1946 she was married to Victor Nixdorf, who died in 1949. She was married in 1954 to Fred E. Klindt, who also preceded her in death in 1969.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Juanita Stillwell, Eldon, Mrs. Mildred Gray, Decatur, Ga., and Mrs. Betty Smith, Grand Junction, Colo.; a son John Messersmith, Woodlawn, Va.; five
step-sons, Milburn Klindt, Jefferson City, Kenneth Klindt, Paul Nixdorf, Independence, Homer Nixdorf, state of Florida, and Otts Nixdorf, Granite City, Ill.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Edith Livingston, Duluth, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Olive Phillips, Dallas, Texas and Mrs. Irene Mobley, Iberia; and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Klindt was a member of the Royal Neighbors Club and for many years was a representative for Hanley and Sons Monument Co. of California, Mo. She also was a member of the Tuscumbia Christian Church.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Gene Edwards and the Rev. O.D. Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

**Arvel J. Roth**, 60, of 612 N. Oak St., Eldon, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1981, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. He was born July 24, 1920, at Illmo, Mo., to Arthur H.G. and Ella Bretzel Roth. His father survives at Scott City. On Sept. 5, 1954, he was married to the former Faye Mueller, who also survives.

Mr. Roth moved to Eldon in 1951 from Cape Girardeau. He was associated with Evans Ford in Eldon for 28 years, retiring in 1979 as sales manager. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of American Legion Post 229 at Eldon. He also was a member of the Eldon Lions Club and the Eldon Bethany Lutheran Church where he had been an elder, church treasurer and church financial secretary. Mr. Roth had also served on the now defunct Miller County Draft Board.

In addition to his wife and father, Mr. Roth is survived by a son, Arthur W. Roth, Eldon; a daughter, Frances Roth, Columbia; a sister, Mrs. F.M. (Ruby) Scherer, Scott City; and two brothers, Marvin Roth, Cocoa Beach, Fla., and Harold Roth, Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Stewart Schultz officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

**Mrs. Della May Tannehill**, 82, Lake Ozark, died Monday, Feb. 2, 1981, at Windsor Estates Nursing Home in Camdenton. She was born in Ozark County on Nov. 11, 1898 to William and Elizabeth Green Steverson. Jan. 24, 1918, she was married to Sam Rankin Tannehill, who died Aug 25, 1960.

Mrs. Tannehill was a member of the Riverview Baptist Church. She had lived in the area since 1930.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Tressie Strange, Jefferson City, Mrs. Meryle Graham, Lake Ozark, and Mrs. Mary Stith, Raytown; two sons, Z.H. (Hank) Tannehill, Eldon, and Charles Leon Tannehill, San Diego, Calif.; 23 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Edna Friend, Springfield, and Mrs. Allie Peterson, Sacramento, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. George Cox, assisted by the Rev. Don Reed, officiating. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery at Kaiser under the direction of Griswold-Kays Funeral Home of Eldon.

**Jefferson City Post Tribune, Monday, March 2, 1981**

**Mrs. Harriet Juanita Stillwell**, 67, Eldon, died Saturday at Charles E. Still Hospital (Jefferson City). She was born Feb. 1, 1914, at Tuscumbia, a daughter of Charles M. and Minnie Alice Small Messersmith. On June 2, 1940, at Springfield, she was married to Roger W. Stillwell, who survives at the home.

A graduate of Drury College in Springfield, Mrs. Stillwell also attended Tuscumbia schools, Iberia Junior College and Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg. She taught school in Miller, Cole and Pulaski counties, as well as assisting her husband in a law and abstract of title business.
Mrs. Stillwell was named Miller County Centennial Queen in 1937. She was a member of First Christian Church of Eldon, belonging to the church music department for many years and the Lydian Guild of the church. She was past president of the Afternoon Euterpean Club of Eldon; the Fifth District Missouri Federation of Women’s Clubs; and Eldon Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

She was a member of the Sorosis Club, State Fair Doll Club of Missouri, Niangua Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and Eldon Chapter of Retired Teachers.

Other survivors include: two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Gray, Decatur, Ga., and Mrs. Betty Smith, Grand Junction, Colo.; and one brother, John Messersmith, Woodlawn, Va.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, with the Rev. O.D. Johnson and the Rev. Bennett Blanton officiating. Burial will be in Tusculumia Cemetery.


Before retiring in 1979, he owned and operated a shoe repair business at Stover for more than 60 years. He was a World War I veteran, a member of the American Legion post at Stover and the World War I Barracks. He also was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at Stover.


The funeral is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church with the Rev. Channing Miller and the Rev. J.C. Schedler officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery under the direction of Scrivner Funeral Home, Stover.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, May 29, 1980

James Thomas (Jim T.) Simpson, Rte. 3, Eldon, died suddenly Thursday, May 22, 1980, at his home. Mr. Simpson had been a life insurance agent in Eldon since 1934.

He was born May 6, 1908, at Cave City, Ark., to James Monroe and Laura Harrell Simpson. Sept. 6, 1934, he was married in Jefferson City to the former Wilma Stamps, who survives.

Mr. Simpson was a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in engineering. He came to Eldon in the early 1930s with the Missouri State Highway Department. He joined Ohio National Life Insurance in 1934 and had remained active in his business until his death. He was a Chartered Life Underwriter and was a member of the Missouri Life Underwriters Association. He was also a member of the Eldon First Christian Church, Iona Lodge 381 AF & AM at Eldon and the Abou Ben Adhem Temple in Springfield.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two brothers, Dr. Gregory Simpson, Eldorado, Ark., and Harrell A. Simpson, Pocahontas, Ark.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. O.D. Johnson officiating. Burial was at the Eldon Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Masonic rites were performed at graveside.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, January 4, 1996

Allen Messersmith, 77, of Dixon died Friday, Dec. 29, 1995, at his home in Maries County following a lengthy illness. He was born July 9, 1918, near Meta to Jesse and Ida Brumble Messersmith. He was married Dec. 24, 1939, in Dixon to Martha Frances Yaokum, who survives at the home.
Mr. Messersmith was a member of the New Salem Baptist Church near Dixon for 50 years and had served as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher and choir member. He was employed at Fort Leonard Wood during the construction of that facility. He also worked in the finishing department for Brown Shoe Company in Dixon and was a lifelong farmer.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Messersmith is survived by a son, Richard Messersmith of Dixon; three sisters, Roxie Manes and Rosalee Hayes, both of Vienna, and Alma Warmer of Jefferson City; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at New Salem Baptist Church with the Rev. Raymond McClary officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery near Dixon, under the direction of Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home at Vienna.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, February 1981

Seigal C. Humphrey, 69, Waynesville, Mo., passed away Monday, February 2, at the Pulaski County Hospital. Mr. Humphrey was born December 2, 1911, near Vienna, the son of Roscoe and Cora (Stewart) Humphrey. He was married July 15, 1956 to Vivian (von Gremp) Fancher.

Mr. Humphrey was a retired vice-president of Waynesville Security Bank. He retired in 1974. He had also worked at the Bank of Iberia, Pulaski County Bank in Richland, he had taught schools in rural Miller County, and had traded cattle for many years. HE was a member of the Untied Church of Christ (Congregational-Christian) where he was Sunday school superintendent; World War II veteran (U.S. Air Force); member of the American Legion Post 105 (post commander); member of Iberia Masonic Lodge (past Worshipful Master); member of the Waynesville Lions Club; and on Board of Directors of Armed Services YMCA, Waynesville.


Masonic services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 5, at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with Rev. Earl Basil Brown officiating. Burial will be in the Union Cemetery. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Iberia United Church of Christ (Congregational-Christian) or to the American Heart Association.

Unknown Miller County Newspaper, June 1945

Mrs. Millie Wilson, widow of the late James H. Wilson, prominent stock man in Miller County for many years, passed away at her home in Eldon Thursday afternoon following a short illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at the Phillips Funeral Home with Rev. A.L. Alexander conducting the service. Burial was made in the Hopewell Cemetery.

Millie Ann Blanton was born in Maries County, Mo., August 14, 1861, and departed this life June 14, 1945, at the age of 83 years and 10 months. In 1878 she was united in marriage to James H. Wilson and to them seven children were born, one child passing away in infancy, and a daughter, Ollie Lee, passed away in 1927. Her husband preceded her in death May 22, 1942.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Daniel of Piedmont, Mo., Fred Wilson of Long Beach, Calif., Elmer Wilson, Colorado Springs, Colo., Mrs. Ethel Martin of St. Louis, and Mrs. Dixie Bruffy of Eldon. She also leaves 23 grandchildren, one brother and one sister, Dan Blanton of Chilhowee, and Mrs. Leona Messersmith of Union.
**Unknown Publication, September 1986**

**M. Owen Kellison**, retired Christian church minister, died at the age of 98 at the California Christian Home in Rosemead, California, on September 14, 1986. He was Minister Emeritus of Wilshire Christian Church in Los Angeles, California and former Provost of Chapman College, Orange, California, which awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1948.

Kellison was born in Miller County, Missouri, on October 30, 1887. He married Clara B. Thompson, also of Miller County, on December 11, 1911. They graduated from Iberia Academy, Iberia, Missouri, and taught school for several years before attending Drury College, Springfield, Missouri, where Owen Kellison earned his A.B. Degree. He later earned his B.D. Degree at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Kellison completed over 60 years as a minister and over 70 years of married life before Clara died in May 1982. He is survived by twin daughters, Betty Lee Huizing, Redondo Beach, California, and Katy Lou Neal, East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Kellison was pastor to churches in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and California. He was Executive Director of Evangelism for all Christian Churches in the nation in the 1940’s.

If desired donations may be made to the Kellison Memorial Scholarship at Chapman College, Orange, California 92666, or to California Christian Home, 8417 East Mission Drive, Rosemead, California 91770.

**Miller County Autogram, January 1926**

**George W. Lawson** was born December 16, 1900; died at the home of his father Wednesday, January 20, 1926, aged 25 years, 1 month and 4 days, following a protracted illness of heart trouble and pneumonia. He had been afflicted for several weeks, but his condition became critical only a few weeks ago. He appealed to the doctors of Adair and Vinita, Okla., but received no lasting benefits therefrom.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lawson of Big Cabin, Okla. Besides his parents he is survived by six brothers and three sisters: Theodore, Andrew, and Beulah Lawson of Big Cabin; Fred and Gordon Lawson of Strang, Okla.; Arthur and Roscoe Lawson of Pensacola, Okla., Mrs. Rosa Schubert of Vinita, Okla., and Mrs. W. T. Wiles of Dixon, Mo. He also leaves numerous other relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

The deceased was engaged in farming most of his life, but at the time he was overtaken by illness he was working in the mines at Picher, Okla.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents I the presence of a number of sorrowing relatives and friends. Burial was made in the Pensacola Cemetery. Dear George is sadly missed by father, mother, brothers and sisters. – written by a sister

**Unknown Publication, September 1948**

**Emma Ratcliff Varner** died on Thursday night at her home in Tuscumbia, Mo. She was the daughter of Manda and John Ratcliff and was born in the year 1889 being 59 years of age at the death. In early life she united with the Tuscumbia Christian Church and later moved her membership to the Presbyterian Church.

In 1928 she was united in marriage to Sylvester Varner. She leaves to mourn her death her husband and five children, Stella, Willie, Erma, Bertha, and Eula Mae. One son, Calvin, preceded her in death several years ago when about 2 1/2 years of age. Mrs. Varner had been in poor health several months and she had realized the seriousness of her illness and had remarked on several occasions to friends that she was soon going to leave this place on earth and it was all right with her if God willed it that way.

On Saturday afternoon funeral services were held at the Tuscumbia Cemetery conducted by T. C. Wright. Prayer was offered by Rev. Sanner, pastor of Eldon Christian Church.
The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, November 1986

Roy Lee Surface, 54, of Rte. 2, Iberia died Sunday, Nov. 2, 1986, near Iberia in an accident. He was born April 8, 1932, in Belle City to Roy and Goldie Surface. On June 3, 1950, he was married to Winona Ewell, who survives at the home.

Mr. Surface had lived in Miller County since 1977. He worked as a steward at Lodge of the Four Seasons. Mr. Surface was a member of the Worldwide Church of God.

Surviving him, in addition to his wife, are five sons, John Surface and David Surface, both of Brumley, Wesley Surface and Larry Surface, both of Eldon, and Daryl “Rusty” Surface of the home; a daughter, Connie Wangerin of Eldon; a sister, Louis Criss of Forest, Ark.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia with Joe Dobson officiating. Burial was in Livingston Cemetery.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, July 1981

Mrs. Lucille M. Summers, 76, Rte. 2, Lake Ozark, died Friday, July 3, 1981, at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach. She had been a resident of the lake area since 1967. She was born Oct. 26, 1904, at Paterson, Mo., to Francis and Ada Wanner McGhee. In November, 1928, she was married in St. Louis to Harry W. Summers, who survives.

Mrs. Summers was a member of Harper Chapel Methodist Church in Osage Beach. She lived in Kirkwood many years before moving to Lake Ozark.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Harry W. Summers Jr., Gilroy, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Susan A. Reichardt, Webster Groves; a sister, Mrs. Pauline Feeney, Shrewsbury; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Valhala in St. Louis with the Rev. Robert Morrison officiating. Burial was in a St. Charles cemetery. Local arrangements were under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ninth Street Christian Church for Mrs. Dortha May Small, 65, of 411 W. Sixth St., Eldon. Mrs. Small died Thursday, July 2, 1981, at her home. She was born Aug. 282, 1915, at Tuscumbia to Louis Edward and Rosa May (Roberts) Admire. Dec. 24, 1937, she was married to Kelly C. Small, who survives.

She lived most of her life in Miller County. She worked at the Mattingly’s Store in Eldon for 18 years, retiring in 1980. She also had been a rural school teacher, having attended Central Missouri State Teacher’s College at Warrensburg. She was a member of the Eldon Ninth Street Christian Church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. Darlene M. Clark, Eldon; two sons, Gary C. Small, Richmond, Mo., and Dan K. Small, Concordia; three sisters, Mrs. James (Clara) Campbell, Eldon, Mrs. Chester (Eula) Wright, Baldwin City, Kan., and Mrs. Leon (Marie) Sawyer, Lawrence, Kan.; four brothers, Lawrence Admire, Eldon, Orville Admire, Topeka, Kan., Lewis K. Admire, Columbia, S.C., and Coral W. Admire, Kerrville, Texas; and eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Roy Weece and the Rev. Calvin St. Clair officiated at the services. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, March 1985

Howard Everal Jones, of Marshall, formerly of Dixon, was born on November 17, 1912, at Dixon, a son of William Jasper and Nancy Alice Messersmith Jones, and departed this life at 12:30 a.m., on Saturday morning, March 30, 1985, at the Mount Vernon Heart Care Center, Springfield following a lengthy illness. Mr. Jones had attained the age of 72 years, 4 months and 13 days.
Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Virginia Alice Leek, and to this union two children were born. They had been married fifty-one years at the time of his passing.

Mr. Jones was a member of the First Baptist Church, Marshall, and was baptized early in life when he attended the Gasconade Baptist Church near Dixon as a young man. Mr. Jones had been employed by the Wilson Packing Company, Marshall, as a dock worker for fourteen years prior to him becoming disabled in 1970.

Those left to mourn the passing of Mr. Jones include: his wife, Mrs. Virginia A. Jones, of the home; one son, Dale Jones, Macomb, Illinois; one daughter, Mrs. LaVerne Clark, Springfield; one brother, William H. Jones, Dixon; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by both his father and mother in 1966; one brother, Jack Jones; one sister, Mrs. Faye Boehmer; and one grandson, Randy Clark.

A loving husband, father, grandfather and brother, Mr. Jones will indeed be sadly missed by his dear family and all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Jones at 2:00 pm., on Monday afternoon, April 1, 1985, in the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes with the Rev. Edward Hamilton, First Baptist Church, Dixon, officiating. Mrs. Hazel Schierbaum sang “Beyond the Sunset” and “Beautiful Isle of Somewhere” for the funeral service and was accompanied by Mrs. Kathy Brandt.

Interment was in the Dixon Cemetery under the direction of the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. Active pallbearers for Mr. Jones were Kenny Sims, Robert Fischer, Edward Humphrey, Jackie Humphrey, Jim Humphrey and Jim Duncan. Honorary pallbearers were Dale Jones, Jr. and Duayn Slone.

Jefferson City News Tribune, October 2002

James Daniel Piggott, 75, Iberia, died Oct. 18, 2002, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born June 21, 1927, in McKenzie, Ala., a son of Emory and Didia Mae Booker Piggott. He was married May 23, 1948, in Waynesville, to Ruby Hensley, who survives at the home.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict. He retired from the Navy after 20 years. HE worked as a cook at several restaurants in the Lake area.

He was a member of the Crocker Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4956, the Iberia American Legion Post 105, and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge No. 410 AF and AM, the Military Order of the Cooties, the Abou Ben Adem Temple in Springfield, and the Iberia Lions Club.

Other survivors include: three sons, Tommy and Jimmy Piggott, both of Iberia, and Daniel Piggott, Brumley; two daughters, Linda Sue Shreve and Mary Jo Cochran, both of Iberia; three sisters, 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Dennis Nichols will officiate. Burial with military honors will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Mary Fiene, 89, Jefferson City, died Oct 18, 2002, at Capital Health Care Center (Jefferson City). She was born Aug 12, 1913, in Olean, a daughter of Eugene and Maud Miller Bond. She was married Dec. 22, 1943, in St. Louis to Harold Fiene, who died March 2, 1989. She retired from the telephone company in Elmhurst, Ill. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one sister, Venita Enowski, Eldon.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Weber & Sons Funeral Home, Russellville, the Rev. Farrie L. Cole will officiate. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are suggested
to Missouri River Hospice, 3210 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, MO 65205; or the American Cancer Society.

William Earl Rains, 93, Eldon, died Oct. 17, 2002, in Jefferson City. He was born Aug. 11, 1909, in Miller County, a son of Samuel D. and Bertha Allen Rains. He was married Sept. 7, 1938, in Eldon, to Audrey M. Uptergrove Rains, who survives at the home.

He was a lifelong resident of the Eldon area. He owned and operated Rains Auto Service for 30 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Eldon, where he was active in the men’s Sunday school class. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Other survivors include: one son, Larry G. Rains, Jefferson City; one daughter, Linda E. McMillian, Jefferson City; one sister, Lois Helseth, Houston, Mo.; and two grandsons. One infant son, Jerry Lee Rains, died in 1942.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. The Rev. Randall Bunch will officiate. Burial will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church Building Fund.


A former St. Elizabeth resident, she was a member of St. Lawrence Church, St. Elizabeth. She served as church organist for St. Lawrence Church and St. Anthony of Padua Church. She was a member of St. Ann’s Sodality in St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony. She worked for Langenberg Hat Factory, St. Elizabeth.

Survivors include: four sons, Edgar Ortbals, Quincy, Ill., Marvin Ortbals, Claremore, Okla., Robert Ortbals, Lohman, and James Ortbals, Jefferson City; three daughters, Mildred Jurgensmeyer, Tipton, Helen Stuckenschneider, Arnold, and Joan Egbert, Columbia; two brothers, Raymond Bax, Wellsville, and Arthur Bax, Burbank, Calif.; 28 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mary Ortbals, died April 25, 1949. One son, Donald Ortbals, died Oct. 4, 1993.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Lawrence Church. The Rev. M. Christopher Smith will officiate. Burial will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home, St. Elizabeth, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.


A homemaker, she worked at Oberman Pants Factory. She was a cook at Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Cole County Jail and St. Martin Catholic School. She was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church, the church Quilting Circle and Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary.

Survivors include: one son, Edwin J. Schepers, California; four daughters, Janice E. Grumke, Bridgeton, Pamela A. Brauner, Centertown, Carla J. Luebbert, Jefferson City, and Christie M. Murray, Harrisburg; five brothers, Henry Boeckman, Linn, and Joseph Boeckman, Albert Boeckman, Adolph Boeckman and Frederick Boeckman, all of St. Martins; two sisters, Patricia Brondel, St. Martins, and Alberta Koestner, Russellville; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at noon Friday at St. Martin Catholic Church. The Rev. Edwin A. Schmidt will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 4 p.m.
Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Jefferson City & Mid-Missouri, 601 E. High Street, Jefferson City, Mo. 65109; American Cancer Society, 2932 Mohawk, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101; or the charity of the donor’s choice.

Jefferson City News Tribune, September 2002

Clay Tucker, 101, Excelsior Springs, died Sept. 26, 2002, in Liberty. HE was born Aug. 22, 1901, in Big Piney, a son of Marion “Buck” and Dora Estes Tucker. He was married April 19, 1922, in Olean, to Emma M. Thompson Tucker, who died July 2, 1973. He lived in the Tuscumbia community for most of his life. He worked for Anchor Milling Company for many years until his retirement in 1965. He moved to Excelsior Springs in 1992. He was a member of the Saline Valley Church of Christ.

Survivors include: seven sons, Tom Tucker, Kansas City, Kan., Hershel Tucker, Columbia, Dan Tucker, Gene Tucker and Paul Tucker, all of Eldon, Dale Tucker, Liberty, and Bob Tucker, Mexico; two daughters, Mary Hendley, Excelsior Springs, and Helen Kobenowski, Independence; 23 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. One son, Henry Tucker, and one grandson, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The Rev. Murl Nash will officiate. Burial will be in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Hospital of Excelsior Springs or Church of Christ of Saline Valley.

Jefferson City News Tribune, August 2002

Melva Morgan, 95, Eldon, died Aug 4, 2002, in Eldon. She was born Oct. 22, 1906, in Miller County, a daughter of Callaway and Mary Ellen Williams Workman. She was married Feb. 17, 1929, in Mary’s Home, to Frederick Francis Morgan, who died Nov. 12, 1989. A homemaker, she was a member of Ninth Street Christian Church of Eldon.

Survivors include: one son, Edwin Leon Morgan, Versailles; one daughter, Sonja Clee Nash, Eldon; one sister, Sarah Duncan, Eldon; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. One son, Frederick “Little Don” Morgan, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Don Renken will officiate. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to Camp Wonderland.

Jefferson City News Tribune, November 2002

Garland Franklin Vaughn, 93, Kansas City, Kan., died Nov. 4, 2002, at Medical Lodge Post Acute Care Center, Kansas City, Kan. He was born May 7, 1909, in Miller County, a son of Charles F. and Cora Angeline Harrison Vaughn. He was married to Alice Rosie Murray, who preceded him in death. He was married to Alpha Roark, who preceded him in death. He was a member of Calvary Temple in Kansas City.

Survivors include: two sons, Carl Melvin Vaughan, Tuscumbia, and Roy Dale Vaughan, Bartlesville, Okla.; one daughter, Rosalee Jeffries, Kansas City, Kan.; one stepdaughter, Lois Groeber, Tuscumbia; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bible Way Church of Eldon. The Rev. Larry Albertson will officiate. Burial will be in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home, Eldon.

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He farmed for most of his life and also worked for the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1956-1975. He was a member of First Nazarene Church of Eldon. He lived in Eugene for 26 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Lupardus, Eugene; one son, Roger Prock, Lee’s Summit; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Nazarene Church of Eldon. Pastor Jerry Frye will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Memorials are suggested to First Nazarene Church of Eldon.

Jefferson City News Tribune, August 2002


He was a 1997 graduate of Iberia R-5 High School. He worked for the Trio Dock in Osage Beach. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Other survivors include: five sisters, Carissa Gilliam, Alton, Ill., and Sara Gilliam, Jenny Gilliam, Emily Gilliam and Kaitlyn Gilliam, all of the home; paternal grandparents, Gene and Corene Gilliam, Brumley; maternal grandmother, Geraldine Cooper, Eldon; and his fiancée, Carrie Allee, Brumley.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia, with Bro. Jim Meredith officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday.

Jefferson City News Tribune, October 30, 2002

Connie Sue Howser, 60, Eldon, died Oct. 30, 2002, in Osage Beach. She was born June 3, 1942, in Eldon, a daughter of Claude C. and Clara Honiker Burris. She was married Nov. 11, 1959, in Kansas City to Lee Boyd Howser, who survives at the home. She was a homemaker.

Other survivors include: two daughters, Sandra Lynn Howser and Dolly Ann Heinle, both of Florissant; one stepdaughter, Rosie Willis, Eldon; three brothers, James Burris, Donald Burris and Dewey Burris, all of Eldon; six sisters, Betty Laughlin, Blue Springs, Josephine Buster and Beverly Buster, both of Pleasant Hill; Carolyn Pollitt, Holts Summit, Marsha Martin, Olean, and Maria Burris, Eldon; one grandson; five step grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The Rev. Jim McGowin will officiate. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007

Esther D. Lee, 80, of Eldon, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, in Eldon. She was born April 1, 1927 in Tuscumbia, the daughter of Lon and Martha Birdsong Lee. She was formerly married to Joe Ray, who preceded her in death. She worked as a waitress.

She is survived by one daughter, Sharon Sue Witt of Eldon; two sisters, Shirley Keeth of Raymore and Pauline Bevelot of the state of Iowa; one brother, Edgar Lee of Tuscumbia; six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sons: Luke and Joey Ray, one daughter, Carol Newby and one grandchild.

Her body has been cremated and a private interment will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Donna J. Shiverdeck, 61, of Iberia, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at her home. She was born in Miller County on Jan. 5, 1946, the daughter of William Rawl and Ila Lora (Rowden)
Luttrell. On Nov. 18, 1967, in Iberia, she was married to Joe Shiverdeck, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Shiverdeck worked at L. B. Manufacturing in Iberia for 38 years where she was currently employed as a shipping supervisor. She was a member of Ulman Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by: one daughter, Cindy Zeigenbein and husband Doug of Ulman; one son, Cameron Shiverdeck of the home; three brothers, Gary Luttrell and wife Colene, Billy Luttrell and Dude Luttrell and wife Jeanie all of Iberia and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the funeral home. Rev. Mark Kessler officiated. Interment was in Brays Cemetery near Iberia.

Unknown Publication, March 1935

Eliza Jane Cotton, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Cotton, was born March 19, 1853, died March 12, 1935, being at the time of her death 81 years 11 months and 19 days old. She was converted about the age of sixteen and united with the Blue Spring Baptist Church and lived a true and faithful Christian life and was strong in this faith until the end.

She was united in marriage to Benjamin Franklin Houston Aug 7, 1873. To this union fifteen children were born, four dying in infancy.

She leaves to mourn her passing, a kind and loving husband, eleven children, namely: J.D. Houston of Lake of the Ozarks, Mrs. Bill Kays, Mrs. Lee Snoderly and Mrs. Charley Houston of Richland, Mo.; A.J. Houston and J.F. Houston of Richland, Mo., Mrs. John Cornett of Tusculumia, Mo., Mrs. T.F. Jesse of Beloit, Kansas, Bill, John and Perry of Eldon, Mo. Also forty one grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Downing of Barnett and Lizzie Chidester of Eldon, and one brother, Daniel H. Cotton of Versailles and a host of relatives and friends.

Unknown Publication, March 1938

B. F. Houston, aged farmer, who was buried yesterday morning in the Dooley Cemetery, was the son of Jonathon M. and Fatima L. Houston. He was born November 27, 1846 on the Billie Hicks farm in Miller County.

On August 7, 1873, he married Eliza Jane Cotton. They had fifteen children. Four children died in infancy.

The eleven children surviving him are: J.D. Houston, Mr. Bill Kays, Mrs. Lee Snoderly, Lake Ozarks; Charley Houston, Richland; J.T. Houston, Horton; A.J. Houston, Richards; Mrs. John Cornett, Tusculumia; Mrs. G.F. Jesse, Beloit, Kansas; and Bill John and Perry Houston, Eldon.

Thirty-nine grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren and one brother, W.J. Houston of Butler also survive Mr. Houston. His wife died three years ago to the day of the day he died.

Unknown Publication, January 1957

James Miller, son of Steve Brownie and Amanda Miller, was born April 15, 1878, in Iberia, Mo., and departed this life at his home near Iberia at the age of 78 years, 8 months and 5 days. He had lived his entire life in the vicinity of Iberia, and had been in failing health for the past ten years. He was well known in Miller County and surrounding counties.

On Oct. 10, 1901, he was united in marriage to Cora L. Wall and to this union five children were born. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Walter in 1955, and one daughter, Pearl, on Feb. 9, 1951.

When a young man he was converted and united with the Madden Methodist Church and he held true to his faith all of his life.
Those left to mourn his passing are: his wife, Cora L.; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Dawson and Mrs. Dorsey Wall of Iberia; two sons, Clyde E. of Iberia and Curtis R. of Kansas City; one brother, Willie T. of Crocker; three sisters, Mrs. Sallie Claiborn of Crocker, Mrs. Carrie Brooks of the state of Arizona, and Mrs. Cora Short of Morris, Illinois. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and a number of other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Nazarene, Iberia, Tuesday, Jan. 22 with the Rev. Donald Tyler officiating, assisted by Rev. G.E. Rittenhouse. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery with funeral arrangements under the direction of the Hedges funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Clate Irwin, Paul Steen, Willie Irwin, Armyl Ambrose, Audrey Ferguson and Jim Huddleston.

The New Iberian, February 18, 1981

Mrs. Lila Ramsey, 89, of Eldon died Wednesday, February 11 at Memorial Community Hospital (Jefferson City). Mrs. Ramsey was born July 13, 1891, at Tuscumbia, daughter of Charles and Missouri Smythe Cox. On January 9, 1908, she was married at Blackmer to Frank Ramsey, who died November 28, 1975.

She was a lifelong resident of Miller County and a member of the First Baptist Church, Eldon.

Survivors include: one son, Rufus Ramsey, Eldon; one daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Long, Eldon; one sister, Mrs. Flossie Stevenson, Vivian, Louisiana.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday t he Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, with the Rev. Charles Cox officiating. Burial was in the New Hope Cemetery near Kaiser.

Rector Noel Pemberton, 78, Richland, a native of the Iberia area, died January 26, 1981 at his home. He was born October 21, 1902, in Iberia, son of William Frank and Martha Malinda (Steen) Pemberton. September 24, 1924 he was married to Lola Jewell Andrews.

Surviving are three sons: Duane Pemberton, Clay Pemberton, and Frank Pemberton, all of Richland; a daughter, Lavelle Gan, Luquey; three brothers: Clarence Pemberton, Kansas City, Curtis Pemberton, Lee’s Summit and John Pemberton, Iberia; three sisters: Edith Graham, Iberia, Mae Mace, Camdenton, and Vesta Harmon, New Mexico; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

The Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, November 24, 1963

Funeral services for Ed Barnett, 84, who died Thursday at his home in Iberia, will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the Methodist Church in Iberia with the Rev. James Sweet officiating. Burial will be in the Iberia Cemetery.

Mr. Barnett was born May 8, 1879, in Maries County, the son of William and Nancy Barnett. He married Nettie Thomas in 1904 who survives.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Austin Barnett of Iberia and Glen Barnett of Willow Springs; two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Williams of St. Louis and Mrs. Myrtle Wilson of Iberia; one sister, Mrs. Julia Sexton of Waynesville; one brother, Owen Barnett of Iberia and 25 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Smyrna Church of Christ in Iberia for Mrs. Rosa Lawson, 78, who died Thursday. Luther Martin officiated with burial in the Lawson Cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Wayne Lawson, Dixon and Alfrord Lawson of Homewood, Ill.; one daughter, Mrs. Dale Henson, Dixon; three brothers, Lawrence Shelton of Edgar Springs, Mo., John Shelton of St. Louis and Bennett Shelton of St. Louis; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Chaney of Cushing, Okla.
Services for Mrs. Emma Meador, 85, who died of pneumonia in Jones Nursing Home in Jefferson City, Friday, have been set for 2 p.m. today at a local funeral home.

Mrs. Meador was born near Enon, April 1, 1878, the daughter of Madison and Henryetta Sarah Sarris Morrow. She came to California in 1901. She married Harmon S. Meador, Oct. 16, 1894, in California. Mr. Meador died July 15, 1931.

Survivors include: three daughters, Mrs. Joe Weingartner, Mrs. Sidney R. Ferguson, both of California, and Miss Frances Mae Meador, Springfield, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Laura Fisher, Stover; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Bob Eversold, pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in California City Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, March 1982

Mrs. Isa Hopkins, 77, Iberia, passed away Monday, March 2, at a hospital in Long Beach, California. Mrs. Hopkins was born August 23, 1904 at Iberia, the daughter of John E. and Emma Jane (Hensley) Blankenship. She was married January 21, 1927 at Lebanon to William Everett Hopkins who preceded her in death June 2, 1979. She was a member of the First Baptist Church at Iberia.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Emogene Hensley, Overland Park, Kansas; 1 sister, Mrs. Ruby Ponder, Iberia; 1 brother, Lloyd Blankenship, Cerritos, California; 1 granddaughter, Mrs. Pamela Workman, and 1 great-granddaughter, Dawn Workman, both of Overland Park, Kansas.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 5 at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with Rev. Ralph Bruce officiating. Interment will be in Hickory Point Cemetery. Visitation will be after 4 p.m. Thursday.

Unknown Publication, Date unknown (`1982)

Mrs. Dorothy Lee Welkie, 80, Iberia, died Saturday at General Leonard Wood Army Hospital at Fort Leonard Wood. She was born on November 28, 1902, at Bulls Gap, Tenn., a daughter of John and Mary Lintecumm. On July 26, 1963, at Iberia, she was married to Edward J. Welkie, who survives at the home. In 1964, Mrs. Welkie retired as a canvas repairman at Fort Leonard Wood.

Other survivors include: Bob Allison, St. Robert; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home at Iberia. Burial will be in Huss Cemetery near Elderidge. Visitation will be after 4 p.m. today.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, July 1981

Olive Mae Small Phillips, daughter of Arthur and Nancy (Hawken) Small, was born at Tuscumbia December 20, 1891 and died at Dallas, Texas July 14, 1981. She was a graduate of Iberia Academy and a teacher in rural schools in this area. Later she attended Draughton’s Business College in Chattanooga, Tennessee and began a business career. While employed at the Commercial National Bank in Shreveport, Louisiana she met and married M. E. Phillips. Two children were born of this union, Richard and Betty.

Mrs. Phillips was preceded in death by her husband and daughter. Her son, Richard, and his two sons reside in Dallas.

Mrs. Phillips’ closest relative in Miller County is her youngest sister, Irene (Mrs. W.R. Mobley) of Iberia. Their oldest sister, Minnie Messersmith Klindt, died January 31 of this year. Their Hawken and Small ancestors were early settlers of Miller County having come to Missouri from Pennsylvania and Indiana. Mrs. Phillips was buried near Dallas.
Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, June 1982

Bruce Douglas Sell, 18, Osage Beach, drowned early Sunday as a result of a car accident near the Lake of the Ozarks. He was born Aug 8, 1963, at Tuscumbia, a son of Hal and Sonja Humphrey Sell. His father survives at Shreveport, La. His mother, Mrs. Sonja Osborn, survives at Osage Beach.

He was a 1982 graduate of Camdenton High School, and was enrolled to attend Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, in the fall. He was a lifeguard at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. He was a member of the Harper Chapel Methodist Church, Osage Beach.

Other survivors include: five sisters, Mrs. Starla Buechter, Iberia, Miss Anastasia Osborn and Miss Rozalyn Osborn, both of the home, and Miss Wendy Sell and Miss Allison Sell, both of Shreveport, La.; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Georgia Sell, Crocker; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Humphrey, Iberia; his paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Mima Cain, Dixon; and step-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Osborn, Junction City, Kan.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, Iberia, with the Rev. James Bryan officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation is after 2 p.m. today. Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home, Iberia, is in charge of arrangements.

Miller County Autogram, January 1929

Arthur E. Small died at his home in Tuscumbia Saturday about noon from heart trouble. Mr. Small was born in Princeton, Ind. April 27, 1860; being 68 years old at the time of his death.

In 1884 he was married to Miss Nancy Hawken. To this union eight children were born, five of whom are living, namely, Mrs. Chas. Messersmith of Tuscumbia, Mrs. M.E. Phillips of Dallas, Tex., Mrs. W.R. Mobley of Iberia, and Irvin and William of Kansas City. He is also survived by one sister—Mrs. Mary Sparks of Seneca, and four brothers—T.H. Small of Tuscumbia, Dan Small of Union and Willis and Levi Small of Arkansas.

Mr. Small and family resided on a farm in the vicinity of Tuscumbia for some years, then moved to Tuscumbia where Mrs. Small died in March, 1906. In September 1908 he was married to Lucy Abbott of Charlottesville, Va., who survives him.

Mr. Small was a member of the Tuscumbia Christian Church. Funeral services were conducted at the church Monday morning by Eld. W.H. Scott of Eldon and burial was at the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Kansas City Star, Unknown date

Arthur Irvin Small, 83, Leavenworth, formerly of Kansas City, died Wednesday at a hospital in Leavenworth. He was born in Tuscumbia, MO., and had lived in this area most of his life before moving to Leavenworth about three years ago. Mr. Small worked at the Kansas City, Kansas Post Office about 30 years before he retired as a supervisor in 1968.

He was a Navy veteran of World War I. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leavenworth.

He leaves a son, Maj. Matt Small, Colorado Springs; a daughter, Miss Barbara Small, Los Angeles; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Klindt, Tuscumbia; Mrs. Irene Mobley, Iberia, Mo., and Mrs. Olive Phillips, Dallas, and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church; burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Leavenworth. The rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Larkin Brown Chapel, Leavenworth, where friends may call after 10 a.m. today.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, September 1983

Mrs. Ruth Jones, 79, of Iberia, died Thursday, Sept. 1, 1983, at her home. She was born March 22, 1904, at Iberia to George and Isabelle Ferguson Arnold. On June 1, 1924, she was married to Leslie Jones, who survives at home.
Mrs. Jones was a former city clerk at Iberia and also had been a teller at the Bank of Iberia. She retired from Fort Leonard Wood where she had been an office clerk. Mrs. Jones was a member of the Iberia Methodist Church and Iberia Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 547 at Iberia. She was district deputy grand matron of the OES in 1946. She also was a member of the Iberia Garden Club.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Doyle Jones of St. Louis and Donald Jones of Jefferson City; two daughters, Eva Jo Grady of Iberia and Phyllis Farnham of Tampico, Ill.; two brothers, Claude Arnold of Lebanon and Jim Arnold of Perry Fla.; and 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Charles Heidbrier officiating. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, January 1984

Emil Kenneth Pemberton, 77, of Iberia died Wednesday, Jan 25, 1984, at Port Charlotte, Fla. He was born July 5, 1906, in Iberia to Wade and Edna Wall Pemberton. On April 24, 1926, he was married in Iberia to Edna Farnham, who survives at the home. Mr. Pemberton was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Iberia First Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife he is survived by four sons, Kenneth Pemberton of Springfield, Robert Pemberton of Blackburn, Charles Pemberton of Iberia and Ronald Pemberton of Columbia; a daughter, Alice Steen of Grandview; five brothers, James Pemberton, Harold Pemberton and Victor Pemberton, all of Iberia, Lynn Pemberton of Coal City, Ill. and Donald Pemberton of Cape Girardeau; six sisters, Wilma Birge of Seymour, Gretchen Jones of St. Louis, Pauline Livingston of Sequim, Wash., Jean Keeth of Iberia, Janet Wilson of Florissant and Maxine Dearduff of Oak Harbor, Ill.; and 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Iberia First Baptist Church with the Rev. Haskell Orrick officiating. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery. The family suggests any memorial contributions be made to the church.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, September 1984

Charles D. Fancher, 77, of Iberia, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 1984, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mr. Fancher was born Jan. 15, 1907, in Iberia to Everett and Laura Wilson Fancher. On Feb. 1, 1933, he was married at Eldon to Mable Workman, who survives at the home.

Mr. Fancher worked as a cab driver at Ft. Leonard Wood for many years. He also worked at the MFA exchanges in Iberia and Crocker. He graduated from the Iberia Academy in 1928 and attended Iberia Junior College. Mr. Fancher was a member of the Fairview Church of Christ.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Fancher is survived by two sons, Gary Fancher of Iberia and Harold Fancher of Wilmington, Ill.; a daughter, Jane Ashcraft of Wilmington, Ill.; two brothers, Jack Fancher of Iberia and Wayne Fancher of Memphis, Tenn.; two sisters, Vivian Hammann of Yuma, Ariz., and Lillian Tracy of Magalia, Calif.; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with Bro. Floyd Barlow officiating. Burial was in Livingston Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, November 1984

Allen T. Shelton, 95, a retired farmer in the Iberia community, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 1984, at St. Mary’s Health Center. He was born Feb. 27, 1889, in Iberia to George Washington and Mary Jane Brandon Shelton. On March 20, 1910, he was married to Montie Dale Humphrey,
who died Aug. 14, 1979. Mr. Shelton was a member of a farm organization and the Bray’s Advent Christian Church.

Surviving him are a son, Walter Shelton of Iberia; three daughters, Ruby Woody, Margie Clark and Allene Kinder, all of Iberia; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Bray’s Advent Christian Church with the Rev. Earl Skidds officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, January 1985

William L. Farnham, 83, of Iberia died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1985, at his home. He was born May 25, 1901, at Iberia to William L. and Sarah Heltzell Farnham. He was married April 23, 1921, at Iberia to Augusta Copeland, who died Jan. 27, 1980.

Mr. Farnham was owner-operator of the W.L. Farnham and Son General Merchandise Store, which his father founded in Iberia, for 44 years. He retired and closed the store in 1964 after 75 years of continuous operation.

He was a charter member of the Iberia Lions Club and was a member of the United Church of Christ Congregational Christian. Mr. Farnham had served on the Iberia School Board, The Iberia Academy Board and the city council. He graduated in 1920 from the academy.

Surviving him are two sons, Gene Farnham of Waynesville and Don Farnham of Iberia; a sister, Grace Clark of Tuscumbia; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with the Rev. Earl B. Brown officiating. Burial will be in the Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, September 1984

Gladys B. Kraml, 77, of Iberia died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1984, at her home. She was born Nov. 1, 19106, at Iberia to Joseph M. and Mary Belle Hensley Lamb. She was married Sept. 12, 1926, to Clemmens Kraml, who died June 28, 1964.

Mrs. Kraml was owner-operator of Kraml Wood products until her retirement. She was a member of the Mt. View Church of Christ.

Surviving her are a daughter, Brenda Kraml of San Francisco, Calif.; three brothers, Jack Lamb of St. Louis and Kelles Lamb and Charles Lamb both of Crocker; and a sister, Jean Fancher of Iberia.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Mt. View Church with Bro. Bill Hensley officiating. Burial will be in Hickory point Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 7 to 9 tonight (Thursday) at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, March 1984

Mrs. Gardie E. McDaniel, 84, Tuscumbia, died Wednesday at Cox Medical Center in Springfield. She was born Jan. 2, 1900, in Miller County, a daughter of John and Lottie Umstead Watson. She was married March 14, 1922, to Herman Sooter, who died May 15, 1945. She was then married Aug. 21, 1954, to Daniel McDaniel, who survives of the home.

A member of the Ulman Christian Church, she taught school in rural Miller County for several years.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Dixie Roark, Marshfield; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Wickham, Tuscumbia, and Mrs. Edith Martin, Malta, Mont.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Ulman Christina Church, with the Rev. Gene Edwards and the Rev. Earl Brown officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia.
Virgil Gardner, 79, of Star Route, Tusculumbia died Thursday, Jan. 28, 1988, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mr. Gardner was born Aug. 10, 1908 in Iberia to Felix and Minnie Pilkington Gardner. On May 8, 1935 he was married in Iberia to Lena Cleo Atwell, who survives at the home.

Mr. Gardner lived most of his life in the Iberia area and had lived in the Tusculumbia area for 14 years. He worked as a cobbler for the civil service at Ft. Leonard Wood and was a minister throughout his life. He was a member of the Church of God (Holiness).

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Rosetta Rush of Tusculumbia; a brother, Ausby Gardner of Venice, Ill.; two sisters, Rena Birdsong of Granite City, Ill., and Eileen Moreland of Vichy; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Barthol Atwell and Bro. V. Gragg officiating. Burial was in Livingston Cemetery near Iberia.

Charles A. Nixdorf, 89, of Iberia died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1988 at his home. He was born May 26, 1898 in Tusculumbia to Bismark and Florence McDonald Nixdorf. On April 17, 1921 he was married to Bertha Ramsey, who died Feb. 8, 1987.

Mr. Nixdorf had been a locomotive moulder for Commonwealth Steel in Granite City, Ill. from 1923 until 1943 when he retired to Iberia to farm. In 1948 he was manager of the MFA in Iberia. Mr. Nixdorf was a member of the Fairview Christian Church.

Surviving him are a son, Bob Nixdorf of Iberia; a brother, Ralph Nixdorf of Belleflower, Calif.; four sisters, Irene Crismon of Eldon, Minnie Smith of Grand Junction, Colo., Alice Abbott of Tusculumbia and Helen Gillfillan of Fontana, Calif.; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Christian Church with Bro. Floyd Barlow officiating. Burial was in Livingston Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home of Iberia.

William Harvey Barr, 91, of Iberia died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1988 at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. He was born Aug 2, 1896 in Iberia to Josiah and Rhoda Shackleford Barr. On Dec. 8, 1929 he was married to Lottie Bond, who survives.

Mr. Barr was a World War I veteran of the Army. He was retired from Commonwealth Steel in Granite City, Ill. He was a member of American Legion Post 105 in Iberia and the Fairview Christian Church.

Other survivors are a daughter, Joyce Watkins of Iberia; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Floyd Barlow and Rev. Haskell Orrick officiated. Burial was in Livingston Cemetery.

Sidney “Sid” Cooper, 92 a resident of the Baptist Home in Ironton, died Jan. 17, 1988. He was born Nov. 24, 1895 in New Sharron, Iowa to William Arthur and Charlotte Bloominger Cooper. On Dec. 23, 1917 he was married to Meva Lena Pitts, who survives at the Baptist Home.

Mr. Cooper was a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War I. He was ordained as a deacon by the Grandview Baptist Church and he and his wife were charter members of the Second Baptist Church of Fredericktown.
In addition to his wife, Mr. Cooper is survived by five daughters, Irene Shackleford of Iberia, Louise McDowell of Grandin, Marie Cox of Denver, Colo., Lucille Lewis of Godfrey, Ill., and Jean Reed of Festus; a daughter-in-law, Doris Cooper of Festus; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20 in the Baptist Home Chapel with the chaplain officiating. Burial was in the Baptist Home Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, November 1987

Virgie Ulman, 93, of Iberia died Thursday, Nov. 19 at North Kansas City Hospital in Kansas City. Born Aug. 14, 1894 in Hawkeye, she was the daughter of Walter and Zylphia Russell Hays. She married Orville Ulman in 1921, and he preceded her in death Nov. 19, 1939.

Mrs. Ulman was a retired school teacher who taught many years in the rural schools of Miller County. In 1959, she went to the Pattonville School District where she taught school for 11 years before retiring in 1970. From 1970 to 1975 she was a substitute teacher for the Iberia school system.

She was a member of the Iberia United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Retired Teachers’ Association and a past member of the WPFA of Iberia.

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Sadler of Kansas City; one brother, Clarence Hays of Iberia; three sisters, Edith Thoss of Eldon, Ethel Thornsberry of Iberia and Jessie Farnham of Iberia; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday night at the Stevenson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Stevenson-Mossman Funeral Home, with the Rev. Karen Morse officiating. Burial will be in the Gott Cemetery near Ulman.

Ethel G. Thornsberry, 87, of Iberia died Thursday, Nov. 26, 1987, at Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla. She was born July 3, 1900 in Hawkeye to Walter and Zelphia Russell Hays. On May 5, 1951 she was married in St. Louis to Cecil Thornsberry, who died Dec. 27, 1969.

Mrs. Thornsberry had been a rural school teacher in Miller County. She worked for the Fisher Body Plant in St. Louis for 30 years before retiring in 1964 and returning to Iberia. She was a member of the Iberia United Methodist Church.

Surviving her are a brother, Clarence Hays of Iberia; two sisters, Edith Thoss of Eldon and Jessie Farnham of Iberia; a step-son, Cecil Thornsberry Jr. of St. Clair; and a step-daughter, Reba Faye Sitze of Rock Hill.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with the Rev. Karen Morse officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery near Richland.

The Miller County Autogram, December 1987

Retired educator and school administrator, Asa M. Mayfield, 84, of 222 N. Locust St., Eldon, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1987 at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. He was born June 15, 1903 in Iberia to L.J. and Dora M. Myers Mayfield. On June 3, 1931 he was married in Atchison, Kan. to Alma Kallenbach, who survives at the home.

Mr. Mayfield was a graduate of Tuscumbia High School. He received his A.B. and B.S. degrees from Park College and his M.A. from the University of Missouri. He also attended the University of Oklahoma at Norman and Stillwater.

He taught for two years in Miller County and eight years in Tipton. He also taught in the Oklahoma public schools, including 40 years at El Reno, Okla. where he served as a junior high principal and later as an assistant superintendent of schools. He also taught summer school classes at the Oklahoma City University and El Reno College.
Mr. Mayfield held an honorary doctor of arts degree from El Reno College. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Oklahoma Education Association. The Eldon Retired Teachers, the Eldon Lions Club and the Eldon First Christian Church.

Surviving him in addition to his wife are a brother, Bert Mayfield of St. Louis; and four sisters, Blanche Haines and Icie Fendorf of Kansas City, Kan., and Eileen Humphrey and Lois Adcock of Leawood, Kan.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Ronald Crooks officiating. Burial will be in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, October 1987


Mr. Stillwell had been an engineer with Union Electric, retiring from the Alton, Ill. plant after 39 years of service. He was a graduate of the University of Missouri and served in the Pacific Theater with the United States Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alton.

Surviving Mr. Stillwell are a daughter, Carol Marie Teichmann of Godfrey, Ill.; two sons, Dr. Roy E. Stillwell of Jackson, Miss., and Raymond S. Stillwell of Godfrey, Ill.; a sister, Mary Hagener of Willow Springs; a brother, Roger Stillwell of Eldon; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Tuscumbia Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. The Rev. Stephen B. Ford officiated.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, November 1986

Arlie Viola Kinder, 91, of Iberia died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1986 at her home. She was born May 4, 1895 near Crocker in Pulaski County to Horatio and Cynthia Dodd Prater. On June 16, 1928 she was married to Jobe Kinder, who died Aug. 30, 1969.

Mrs. Kinder was a lifelong resident of the Iberia-Crocker area. She had been a member of the Iberia Church of the Nazarene since 1944.

Surviving Mrs. Kinder are a foster son, Ray Green of Potosi; four sisters, Ova Sauls, Eva Wilson and Alice Moss, all of Iberia, and Emma Faldtz of Lincoln, Neb.; and three brothers, Alus “Bill” Prater of Newport, Oregon, Earl Prater of Liberal, Kan., and Glen Prater of Yuba City, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Iberia Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. John Bouldrey officiating. Burial will be in the Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be after 2 p.m. Friday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, September 1987

Minnie Kinder McDonald, 85, of Dixon, died at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1987 at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City. Born Jan. 18, 1902, she was the daughter of John and Luella Blyze Kinder of Miller County. She was married to Fred McDonald near Tuscumbia on May 1, 1920, and the couple had six children.

She was preceded in death by her husband Fred in 1966; three sons, Harold in 1932 and Warren and Charles, both lost at sea in 1944; six brothers, Bill, Charles, Marcus Earl, Ralph, Ray and Jobe Kinder; and one sister, Mrs. Sadie Condra.

Mrs. McDonald was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dixon, where she was active in Sunday school, the Women’s Missionary Union and Training Union.

Survivors include one son and a daughter-in-law, DR. Herbert and Nancy McDonald, Kansas City; one daughter, Mrs. Eileen Henderson, Marrero, La.; a daughter and son-in-law,
Nancy and Ray Baker of Dixon; one sister, Mrs. Blanche Condra, Springfield; 11 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the First Baptist Church in Dixon, with the Rev. Edward E. Hamilton officiating. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery, under the direction of the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions can be sent to the First Baptist Church in Dixon, with envelopes available at the Dixon office of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, January 1988

Elmer Leroy Kleasner, 89, of Carrollton died Jan. 2, 1988 at the Carroll County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Jan. 4 at Gibson-Rice Funeral Home in Carrollton and burial was held later in the day at the Tusculumbia Cemetery.

Mr. Kleasner was born March 18, 1898 near Ketesville to Fredinand and Elizabeth Mittlebergur Kleasner. He was married on June 30, 1936 in Eldon to Nellie Marie Small, who survives at the home.

Mr. Kelasner was a farmer and also had been a lineman for the Schulman Company. He had lived in Carrollton for the past seven years and had lived in Salisbury prior to that. He was a member of the Glasgow Baptist Church in Glasgow.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a daughter, Linda Dunnagan of Carrollton; two brothers, Hite Kleasner of Glasgow and Chester Kleasner of Salisbury; a sister, Elsie Bogart of Naples, Fla.; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The Eldon Advertiser, Thursday, July 14, 2005

Lucille Blankenship, 86, of Eldon died Thursday, July 7, 2005, in Osage Beach. She was born Jan. 11, 1919, in Bagnell to John W. and Nettie V. Kilgore Jones. On July 5, 1942, she was married in Camdenton to James W. Blankenship, who died May 26, 1994.

Mrs. Blankenship lived in the Kaiser community until she moved to Eldon in 1998. She was a longtime member of Riverview Baptist Church in Osage Beach and after moving to Eldon became a member of the Eldon First Baptist Church. She also was a member of the Social Circle Club at Kaiser. She wrote the Elm Springs items for both the Eldon Advertiser and Miller County Autogram-Sentinel.

Surviving are nieces and nephews. Mrs. Blankenship was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers: Goldia Allen, Sylvia Gover, Dorsey Jones, Dolph Jones and John Jones.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Burial was in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett. Memorials may be made to the Riverview Baptist Church or the Eldon First Baptist Church.

Jefferson City News Tribune, April 2005

Euneva Rae Brown, age 70, of Eldon, went to meet her Lord on April 15, 2005. She was born Feb. 21, 1935, to Lemuel & Rebecca Strange. She married Donald Lee Brown August 15, 1952; he survives at home.

They were blessed with five daughters: Karen Porter, Eldon, Rebecca Edwards, Eldon, Kathie Boatman, Barnett, Penny Beard, Kaiser & Dianna Brown; five brothers: Gaylord & Cletus Strange, Forrest Strange, Glen & Jerry Strange; two sisters: Flossie Callison, Lorraine Anderson.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, with visitation Wednesday, April 20, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment at the Dooley Cemetery, Eldon.
Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, July 24, 2005

Hazel Alice (Sullivan) Pope, age 90, died Friday, July 22, 2005, at Lake Ozark, Mo. She was born September 17, 1914 near Ulman, Mo., to Wm. Burton (Burt) Sullivan and Norma Cecil (Connor) Sullivan.

She grew up in Brumley, Mo. and graduated from Brumley High School. She attended Iberia Academy and Central Missouri State College and began her teaching career at Pleasant Grove School near Bagnell, Mo.

She was married to Walter M. Pope on June 15, 1933, who preceded her in death on January 11, 1986.

She spent many years as a teacher’s aide at School of the Osage. She was an accredited flower judge and was well known for her sewing, quilting, flower arranging and craft work. She was a longtime member of the Redbud Garden Club. She was named First Lady of the Year in 1976 by Beta Sigma Phi for her service to the community. Hazel was a founding member of the Lake Ozark Christian Church.

Survivors include: her son and daughter-in-law, Morgan D. and Constance G. Pope of Hillsboro, Ore.; two grandsons, Morgan Clark Pope and his wife Carrie White, Sean Sullivan Pope and his wife Angela Vacheresse; four great-grandchildren, Scout and Sullivan Cohen – Pope, Moriia and AnnaBelle Drahos-Vacheresse, all of Portland, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth (Sullivan) Thornsberry.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 25, at the Philips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26 at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. with Rev. James Pohl officiating. Interment will be held at Gott Cemetery. The family suggests remembrances to the Lake Ozark Christian Church or to the School of the Osage Foundation.

Unknown Publication, September 2001

Marion F. Clayton, 87 of Lake Ozark, Mo. died September 3, 2001 in Osage Beach, Mo. He was born on May 7, 1914, in Franklin County, Ill. to William Worthy Clayton and Carrie Stewart Moore. Mr. Clayton married Phyllis Robinson Clayton on January 23, 1936.

Mr. Clayton was a graduate of the first class of the School of the Osage. He was an avid athlete who excelled in basketball and baseball. He was also an avid supporter of Osage High School sports.

Mr. Clayton was a charter member of the Lake Ozark Lion’s Club, was a charter member of the Lake Ozark Christian Church, a pioneer of Lake Ozark Development and was the first mayor of Lake Ozark, Mo.

He and his wife owned and operated Clayton’s Café on the Bagnell Dam Strip for 27 years. He was a member of the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine in Springfield, Mo. He was an avid outdoorsman and water sportsman with an incredible zest for life.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Clayton of the home; two daughters, Ruth Phillips of West Chester, Ohio, and Mary “Cookie” Thelen of Hancock, Maine; five grandchildren, Laura Dollieslager, Robert Clayton Phillips, Mary Melissa Frazier, Jamie Ringsmuth and Kristi Griffin; seen great-grandchildren, Alicia Dollieslager, Timothy Phillips, Emily Dollieslager, Carrie and Sarah Phillips, Jackson Frazier and John Clayton Ringsmuth; one sister, Ruth Hanson of Eldon, Mo.; one brother, Ross Clayton of Lake Ozark, Mo.; one nephew, Phillip Haage of Powderly, Texas; and a host of nieces and other nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday, September 7, 2001 at the Lake Ozark Christian Church at 10 a.m. with Rev. Kerry Presnell officiating. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Mo. Memorials may be made to the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital.
Gladys Marie Clayton, 90, of Lake Ozark died Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, at Eldon Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was born June 22, 1915, in Benton, Ill., to James Lafayette and Malissa “Lissie” Lipe Bays. On June 30, 1937, she was married in McLeansboro, Ill., to Ross A. Clayton, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Clayton attended school in Benton, Ill., and moved to the lake area in 1939 with her husband. She assisted her husband at his service station while he served his shift as a guard at Bagnell Dam during the 1940s. She also worked alongside her husband when they co-owned Clayton’s Café and Clayton’s Gift Shop. A member of the Lake Ozark Christian Church and the Christian Women’s Fellowship, she was also a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star, was a Cub Scout leader and was a member and past president of the Osage Band Boosters.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter and her husband, Linda and Robert Spurgeon of Eldon; a son and his wife, James “Jim” and Janell Clayton of Decatur, Ill.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lake Ozark Christian Church with the Rev. Jim Pohl and John Houmes officiating. Burial was in Greenmore Memorial Gardens near Barnett under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Eldon. Memorials may be made to the Lake Ozark Christian Church.

Jefferson City News Tribune, July 2004

Circuit Judge Mary A. Dickerson, age 52, passed away at her home near Camdenton on Friday, July 16, after a 19 year battle with cancer. Judge Dickerson was born May 27, 1952, in Tuscumbia, the daughter of Garland and Alta Cotton Platter.

Judge Dickerson graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1977 and practiced in the Donnelly, Ballwin and Wilhite until 181, when she was appointed by Governor Christopher S. Bond as Camden County Associate Circuit Judge. She was elected to that position in 1982 and re-elected in 1986. Judge Dickerson was elected Circuit Judge in 1988 and was re-elected in 1992 and 1998.

Judge Dickerson was a member of the Camden County and Laclede County Bar Associations and was a member of the Missouri Circuit Court Budget Committee, the Missouri Bar Association, the 26th Circuit Bar Association, the Missouri Judicial Conference and the Missouri Juvenile Judges Association. She was a member of the Camden County Republican Club and the First Baptist Church of Camdenton where she was a member of the Finance Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Future Building Committee, an Awana Listener and the Adult Choir. She was a Sunday school teacher at the church.

Judge Dickerson was married to James R. Dickerson in 1976. She is survived by her daughter: Laura Renae Dickerson of St. Charles; one son, Joshua Williams Dickerson of Gunter Annex, Alabama; her mother, Alta Platter of Lake Ozark; her sister, Donna Brack of Cincinnati, Ohio; and her brothers, David Platter and Howard Platter of Lake Ozark.

Services will be held at the Osage Hills Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 21, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be in the Riley Lamm Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 20, from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Osage Hills Baptist Church.

The family has requested donations be given to the American Cancer Society or the First Baptist Church of Camdenton. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Camdenton, Mo.

Phyllis Laura (Robinson) Clayton, 87, of Hamilton, OH, died May 14, 2003 in Hamilton, OH. She was born on February 27, 1916 in Linn Creek, MO, the daughter of Bert and Lena (Davis) Robinson. She was married on February 23, 1936 to Marion F. Clayton, who preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 2001.
She was a graduate of the first class of School of the Osage, charter member of the Lake Ozark Christian Church, owned and operated Clayton's Cafe with her husband on the Bagnell Dam Strip for twenty-seven years. She was also a member of D.A.R.

Survivors include 2 daughters: Ruth Phillips of Indian Springs, Ohio and Mary "Cookie" Thelen of Hancock, Maine; five grandchildren: Laura Dollieslager, Robert Clayton Phillips, Mary Melissa Frazier, Jamie Ringsmuth, and Kristi Griffin; nine great-grandchildren: Alicia Dollieslager, Timothy Phillips, Emily Dollieslager, Carrie Phillips, Sarah Phillips, Jackson Frazier, John Clayton Ringsmuth, Grace Catherine Ringsmuth, and Katherine Lauren Griffin. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters: Dorothy Haage, Frieda Fry, Theora Pilkington; and by two brothers: George Robinson and Clyde Robinson.

Visitation will be held at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, MO on Sunday, May 18, 2003 from 4-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 19, 2003 at the Lake Ozark Christian Church at 10 a.m. with the Rev. James Pohl officiating. Burial will follow at the Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett, MO. Memorials are suggested to the Lake Ozark Christian Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Unknown Publication, October 2002

Burnham E. “B.E.” Howser, 94, of Eldon, Mo., passed away October 6, 2002, in Eldon, Mo. He was born February 27, 1908, in Miller County, Mo., the son of Howard E. “Dunk” Howser and Margaret (Nibert) Howser.

He was married February 26, 1927, in Tuscumbia, Mo., to Dollie D. (Taylor) Howser who preceded him in death on March 6, 1987.

Mr. Howser was a farmer. He was a member and Sunday school superintendent of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He worked on the family farm and also helped in the construction of Bagnell Dam.

He is survived by three sons, Gene Howser of Jefferson City, Mo., Lee Boyd Howser of Eldon, Mo., and Howard T. “Corky” Howser of Eldon, Mo.; four daughters, Sharon Shaw of Fair Grove, Mo., Shirley Schaffer of Eldon, Mo., Martha (Polly) Morris of Eldon, Mo., and Rosie Willis of Eldon, Mo.; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Howard Howser of Salinas, Calif., and Donald Howser of Bethel Park, Pa.; and one sister, Jewel Sandfort of Eldon, Mo. He was preceded in death by one son, Stanley Howser, and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 11, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo., with Rev. Jim McGowin officiating. Visitation will be held October 10, from 4-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon, Mo. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO.

Jefferson City News Tribune, May 2003

Richard F. Robbins, 64, Lake Ozark, died May 23, 2003, at Lake Ozark. He was born Oct. 24, 1938, in Lake Ozark, a son of Eddie and Mabel Strange Robbins. He was married June 29, 1958, in Lake Ozark, to Patricia Bateman, who survives at the home.

He was a conservation agent with the Missouri Department of Conservation for 39 years. He was a member and elder of the Oak Street Church of Christ in Eldon, Missouri, an active member of the Lake Ozark Lions Club and retired President of the School of the Osage Alumni Association.

Other survivors include: two daughters, Deborah Dover, Lake Ozark, Missouri, and Karla Robbins, Manchester, Connecticut; one son, Brian Robbins, Greenwood, Arkansas; five grandchildren, Robbins Dover, Landon Dover, Tyler Robbins, Tanner Robbins and Sarah.
Robbins; and one sister, Charlotte Marriott, Topeka, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at the Oak Street Church of Christ. Lloyd Parr will officiate. Burial will be in the Dooley Cemetery, Eldon, Mo. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, May 26, 2003, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

The Eldon Advertiser, July 2003
Madolyn McFarland, 82, of Blue Springs died July 1, 2003, at St. Mary’s Manor in Blue Springs. She was born Aug. 15, 1920, at St. Louis Hospital to James and Daisy Haynes McFarland. Ms. McFarland spent her early childhood in Olean and her family moved to Eldon in 1930. She was graduated from Eldon High School in 1937 as the valedictorian of her class. She then attended Columbia Christian College (now Columbia College) from 1937 to 1939. From 1939 to 1943 she attended the University of Missouri-Columbia and was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism.

She worked for several newspapers including ones in suburban Chicago, Tarkio and Littleton, CO.

Madolyn McFarland, known as Mac to her friends and readers, was editor of the Eldon Advertiser and the Miller County Autogram-Sentinel from 1953 through her retirement in 1982, with the exception of a brief period or two when she pursued other interests.

Her personal column, “Folks, Facts, and Fables,” was one of the newspaper’s most read features. There is a space in the Miller County Historical Society Museum in Tuscumbia, containing her typewriter and other mementos, dedicated to her long-time service to Miller County newspapers.

McFarland was never married. She requested no funeral or memorial service, and her body has been donated to the University of Missouri-Columbia as an anatomical gift. Her remains will be buried next to her parents at the Eldon City Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Oddessy Hospice of Kansas City, 9229 Ward Parkway, Suite 350, Kansas City, Mo 64114.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, November 15, 2007
Ronald Eugene “Geno” Atwell, 81, of Eldon died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center near Tuscumbia. He was born July 16, 1926, in Iberia to Archie Loren and Electa Ann Thompson Atwell. Mr. Atwell was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are two brothers, Carl Atwell of Barnett and J.R. Atwell of Eldon, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. James Hedrick officiating. Burial will be in Iberia Cemetery.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, Monday, February 23, 2004
Icel Thompson, 91, Eldon, Mo., died Saturday, February 21, 2004, in Osage Beach, Mo. She was born August 7, 1912 in Linn Creek, Mo., the daughter of Jake and Mary Frances Elizabeth (Burton) Percival. She was married August 21, 1937 in Olathe, Kan. to Hadley H. Thompson who preceded her in death May 4, 2000.

She was a member of the Horseshoe Bend Baptist Church of Lake Ozark, Mo. She retired from Lake Ozark Post Office after thirty plus years. She was an owner/operator of Thompson Cottages in Lake Ozark, MO.

Survivors include: one stepdaughter, Patricia Pfaff, Mims, Fla.; one nephew, Greg Byler, Springfield, Mo.; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, Wayne Percival, and one sister, Mabel Byler.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Funeral service will be Wednesday, February 24, at 2:00 p.m. at Horseshoe Bend Baptist Church, Lake Ozark, MO with Pastor Clyde Leonard & Pastor Scott Melton officiating. Burial will be in Hawkins Cemetery, Brumley, MO. Memorial contributions suggested to the Hope House.

Unknown Publication, March 2004

Mrs. Audra Opal Watt, age 87, of Harlem, Georgia, died Monday, March 14, 2004, at Doctors Hospital, Augusta, Georgia.

Survivors include: four daughters, Jane Hale of Harlem, Ga., Betty Jo Hudson, Conway, Ark., Martha Love, Holts Summit, Mo., and Barbara Stanbaugh, Mokane, Mo.; one brother, Curtis Cotton, Eldon, Mo.; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 1-2 p.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, MO. Funeral services, with Rev. Randall Bunch officiating, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 at the funeral home. Interment will be held at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Mo.

Unknown Publication, June 2004

Max T. Caldwell, 86, of Terre Haute, died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at Royal Oaks Nursing Center. He was born May 4, 1918, in Bagnell, MO., the son of Clarence E. and Velma Denny Caldwell.

Survivors include: his wife, Lucille Ann, whom he married on April 3, 1951, in Kansas City, Mo.; two sons, Denny K. Caldwell and Tom C. Caldwell; one brother, Dorsey I. Caldwell; one sister, Dolores Brondel and five grandchildren, Shane M. Caldwell, Nathan J. Caldwell, Stacy M. Caldwell, Tim Caldwell and Nicole Caldwell.

Cremation is scheduled; there will be no local services. A memorial service with Veterans of Foreign Wars military honors will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 10 a.m. in Philips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo.

Unknown Publication, July 2004

Altha M. Champlain, 94, of Eldon, died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, in Eldon. She was born March 12, 1910, in Meta to Thomas and Ruth Burnham Seaton. She was married in 1928 in Vienna to Herod A. Champlain, who died in 1963.

Mrs. Champlain was a member of the Eldon First Christian Church and was active with the CWF Quilters of the church.

Surviving her are her daughter, Luvenia Gier of Eldon; three grandchildren, Tony Gier and Bruce Gier, both of Eldon, and Max Gier of Jacksonville, Fla.; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Eldon First Christian Church with the Rev. Shirley Williams officiating. Burial was in the Meta Southside Cemetery in Meta. Memorials may be made to the CWR Quilters of the First Christian Church.

Unknown Publication, December 2004

Betty Jean Schuchmann, 80, Eldon, Mo., died Friday, December 24, 2004, at Eldon, MO. She was born July 25, 1924, at Bagnell, MO., the daughter of Omer and Roxey (DeVore) Quinn. She was married April 29, 1943, in Kansas City, Kansas, to William Jack “Whitey” Schuchmann, who preceded her in death March 14, 1996.

She was employed with Division of Employment Security for 33 years. She was a former member of the Bagnell Baptist Church and current member of the First Baptist Church at Eldon. She taught Sunday school for several years. She was an active member of School of the Osage Alumni Association. She served on committee for city of Bagnell Reunion.
Survivors include: one brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Dixie Quinn, Eldon, Mo.; one sister and brother-in-law, Freda and Cletis Strange, Eldon, Mo.; four nieces and husbands, Cathy and Larry Kolb, Jefferson City, Mo.; Joyce and Ken Rader, Eldon, Mo.; Michelle and Neil Atkinson, Eldon, MO.; two nephews and wife, Todd and Sarah Rader, Eldon, MO. and Braden Atkinson, Eldon, Mo.

Visitation will be Monday, December 27, 2004, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., at Phillips Funeral home, Eldon, MO. Funeral service will be Tuesday, December 28, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home with Rev. Jay Quinn and Dr. Randall Bunch officiating. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon, Mo. Memorial contributions suggested to First Baptist Church Building Fund.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, September 2005

Cletis S. Strange, age 90, of Eldon, Mo., died Tuesday, September 20, 2004, in Eldon, MO. He was born on June 9, 1914 in Bagnell, MO, a son of Lemuel and Rebecca (Conner) Strange. He was married on December 24, 1937, in Eldon, MO to Freda Quinn.

He was a Sunday school teacher for the Bagnell Baptist Church for many years, as well as many other church associated activities. HE was an Army Veteran of World War II. HE was employed by Cook’s Garage for over 20 years. He was also employed with Hebel Buick Garage and then with Howerton Electric, retiring in 1977. He enjoyed golf and bowling.

He was a current member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, MO. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include: his spouse of 67 years, Freda Strange, of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Ken Rader of Eldon; grandchildren, Stacey Rader of St. Louis, and Todd and Sarah Rader, of Eldon; one great-grandson, Jude Rader, of Eldon; four brothers, Gaylord Strange, Glenn Strange, and Jerry Strange, all of Eldon; Forrest Lee Strange, of Newport News, Virginia; two sisters, Flossie Callison of Eldon, and Lorraine Anderson of Lebanon, MO; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jay and Dixie Quinn of Eldon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Roy, Alfred and Desmond Strange; and by sisters, Ola Bledsoe, Euneva Brown, and one infant sister.

Visitation will be held this evening from 5-8 p.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with Rev. Jay Quinn, Dr. Randall Bunch, and Rev. Bob Buster officiating. Burial will be held in the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon. Memorials are suggested to the Riley Lamm Cemetery.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, October 2004

Curtis E. Cotten, 90, passed away October 2, 2004, in Eldon, MO. He was born in Miller County, MO on November 11, 1913, the son of William Evert Cotton and Martha Jane Conner Cotten.

Mr. Cotton had been owner/operator of a Skelly station in Eldon with his father. Surviving him are a brother-in-law, Raymond Allen of Eldon, and Nieces and Nephews. He was preceded in death by four sisters: Alene Keeney, Lola Cotton, Audra Watt and Nelda Allen.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Jasper Hunter officiating. Burial was in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett.

Danny Ray Slone, age 59, of Tuscumbia, died Monday, October 4, 2004, in Tuscumbia as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born in Tuscumbia on July 9, 1945, a son of Denzle Carl and Gladys Nancy (Whitaker) Slone. His mother survives in Tuscumbia. On August 24, 1963, at Tuscumbia Christian Church, he was married to Edwina June Clement, who survives at the home.
He has served as the Miller County Treasurer since 1990 and was a past member of the Miller County Republican Committee. He was a member of the Hickory Hill Masonic Lodge #211 and a member of Tuscumbia Christian Church where he served as Elder.

Other survivors include: two sons, Darren Todd Slone and wife, Becky Nora of Tuscumbia and Damon Ray Slone of Eldon; two daughters, Dana Michelle Ilgenfritz and husband, Robert Joseph, and Debra Dyan Rogers and husband, Adam Wade, all of Tuscumbia; one brother, Donald Gene Slone of Springfield; one sister, Nancy Ann Kays of Springfield; and seven grandchildren, Jason Glaze, Brittany Slone, Daniel Slone, Dylan Lyle, Todd Ilgenfritz, Jordyn Lyle, and Halle Ilgenfritz.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, at the Tuscumbia High School Gymnasium. Bro. Larry Schraer and Bro. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Tuscumbia Christian Church with a Masonic Service at 6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Tuscumbia Christian Church Building Fund. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, August 2003

Opal Gladys Mead, 96, of Eldon died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, in Eldon. She was born June 28, 1907, in Springfield to Wiley and Daisey Thornsberry. She was adopted at age 9 by Arthur and Alice Edwards. On June 19, 1926, she was married in Bagnell to John W. Mead, who died Feb. 5, 1977.

Mrs. Mead was a lifelong resident of the Bagnell area and was a charter member of the Bagnell Baptist Church.

Surviving her are a daughter, Barbara Riley of Eldon; a son, Jim Mead of Eldon; three grandchildren, Debbie Stout and Alan Mead, both of Eldon, and Courtney McElvey of Camdenton; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Orville Thornsberry, a sister, Birdie, and two granddaughters, Kelly Higgs and Marjorie Mead.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. Randall Bunch and the Rev. Bob Buster officiating. Burial was in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett. Memorials may be made to the Opal Mead Memorial Fund.

Billy Buck McGowin, 66, of Eldon died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born Aug. 24, 1936, in Linn Creek to Josh and Frata Griggs McGowin. On Dec. 8, 1979, he was married to Phyllis Buzzard, who survives.

Mr. McGowin was an electrician. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Also surviving him are two brothers, Buster McGowin of Ulman and Jim McGowin of Brumley, and two sisters, Nellie Jo McGraw and Katherine Ryan, both of Linn Creek.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenny McGowin, and a brother, Danny McGowin.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges Funeral Home in Osage Beach.

The Jefferson City News Tribune, Monday, November 19, 2007

Owen "Paul" Robinett, 83, of Henley, Missouri, died Sunday, November 18, 2007, at the Capital Region Medical Center. He was born March 29, 1924, in Henley, Missouri, a son of the late Perry and Marcella (Lutrell) Robinett. He was married on June 4, 1948, to Clara Barbara Hager, who survives at the home.

Paul and Clara moved to Kansas City in 1948, where Paul worked for Certain-Teed Roofing Company for 35 years, until his retirement in 1982. On August 13, 1985, Paul and Clara retired to their Cole County Farm.
He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Honey Creek. Paul loved to spend time with his family and was an avid hunter. He enjoyed all outdoor activities and was a sports enthusiast, especially the St. Louis Cardinals and Missouri Tigers.

He is also survived by two sons: Gary Robinett and wife Sarah of St. Louis, Mo.; Ronald Robinett and wife Vickie of Oak Grove, Mo.; five grandchildren: Dr. Dawn Davis and husband Dr. John Davis of Rochester, Minn.; Carrie Steuber and husband Joe of Columbia, Mo.; Garon Robinett and wife Allison of Kansas City, Mo.; Gary Paul Robinett of Kansas City, Mo.; Brandon Robinett of Las Vegas, Nev.; three great-grandchildren: Madison & Maci Steuber and Anne Davis; three sisters: Vernita Roark of Independence, Mo.; Irene Hager of Henley, Mo.; Dorlas Bosch of Henley, Mo.; and two brothers: Gene Robinett of Eldon, Mo.; Donald Robinett of Henley, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Lohman Robinett, Glenn Robinett, and Gayle Robinett; and three sisters: Ruby Spalding, Ina Roark and Margie Robinett.

Friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 21, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Honey Creek, with Rev. Rick Swanson officiating. Interment will follow in the Immanuel Lutheran Church cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the charity of the donors’ choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street; 636-3838.

**Claude L. Earp**, age 93, of Eldon, died Sunday, November 18, 2007, at St. Mary's Health Center, Jefferson City.

Survivors include: four brothers, Lester M. Earp, Phillip J. Earp, George G. Earp, and W. David Earp, all of Iberia; one sister, Veta A. Whitaker, Blue Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m. today, Monday, November 19, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, with funeral services following at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church of Eldon, Mo.

**Linn Robinett**, 80, of Brumley, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born March 7, 1924, in Brumley to Sherman and Eva Harmon Robinett. He was married to Nina Case, who preceded him in death on June 21, 1989. On Aug. 20 1990, he was married in Brumley to Betty McGill who survives at the home.

Mr. Robinett was an Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 753rd Tank Battalion. He served in Italy, France and North Africa. Wounded twice, he received the Purple Heart. He was a member of Local 770 of the Carpenters Union.

Also surviving him are a son, Wayman Robinett of Bellevue, Wash.; eight stepchildren; a sister, Frances Long of Brumley; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. with Pastor Jason McCray officiating. Graveside services and interment with military honors will be 1 p.m. Saturday at High Valley Cemetery in Ellensburg, Wash.


Mr. Robinett served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. HE was a farmer and a member of the Riverview Baptist Church.
Surviving him are a daughter, Corrine Faulconer of Eldon, two sons, Danny Robinett of the home and Lonnie Robinett of Blue Springs; 11 grandchildren, Tracie Martin, Kelly Robinett Cook, Lindsey Mulcahey, Cody Robinett, Chris Robinett, Paul Faulconer, Jeff Faulconer, Kristin Faulconer, Ricky Distler, Corey Robinett and Casey Robinett; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ruby Shepherd and Sue DeGraffenreid, both of Eldon, and Nellie Helton of Jefferson City; and two brothers; Sherman Robinett of Tuscmibia and Gerald Robinett of Barnett. One son, Ricky Robinett preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Phillips Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Helton officiating. Burial will be in Robinett Cemetery at Brumley. Military honors will be performed graveside by VFW Post 2442 at Eldon.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, May 2004

Mr. James V. Robinett, age 89 years, of Marshfield, MO, a former Jefferson City resident, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at his home. Mr. Robinett was born March 16, 1915, at Henley, Mo., the son of Albert J. and Isabella E. Carson Robinett, who preceded him in death. He was married on June 25, 1934, at California, Mo, to Bertha E. Phillips who preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 1999.

A resident of the Central Missouri area for most of his life, Mr. Robinett was employed at the Tweedie Footwear Factory, with the Fairfax Steel Company and as a laborer in the construction industry until his retirement in 1971.

He was a member of the Ozark Bethel Chapel Assembly of God Church and the Laborers Local No. 662. Mr. Robinett enjoyed playing his guitar, singing, fishing and gardening.

Survivors include: one daughter, Ruby Braden of Polo, Mo.; three sisters, Margaret Roth of Shawnee Mission, Kan., Evelyn Smith of Columbia, Mo.; and Ellen Schubert of Shawnee, Kan.; five grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Virgil H. Cazzell; one sister, Lorraine Day; and four brothers, Pleze Robinett, Lester Robinett, Albert Robinett and Paul Robinett.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2004, in the Freeman Chapel Graveside services and interment will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Robinett Cemetery near Brumley, Mo. Friends may call at the Freeman Mortuary from 5-7 p.m. Monday.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, March 2005

Sam Robinett, 60, of Dixon died Monday, March 7, 2005, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. He was born Jan 31, 1945, in Sundown, Texas, to William and Opal Elizabeth Stout Robinett. On Aug 19, 1977, he was married in Jefferson City to Linda Fay Lawson, who survives at the home.

Also surviving are three sons, Samuel Robinett of Jefferson City, Matthen Robinett of Russellville and Jason Robinett of Dixon; two brothers, Dolar Robinett of Eldon and Dick Robinett of Glendale, Ariz.; a sister, Betty Criner of Eureka, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home IN Iberia. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Kenny Sullens officiating. Burial will be in Jim Matt Lawson Cemetery near Iberia.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, May 2005

Ruth Rayma Robinett, 82, of Brumley died Friday, May 20, 2005, at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born Dec. 2, 1922, in Brumley to Oscar Edward and Mary Elizabeth Ash Luttrell. On Aug. 27, 1938, she was married in Waynesville to Charlie Evans Robinett, who died April 18, 2000.

Mrs. Robinett was a member of the Rodden Church of Christ near Brumley.
Surviving are three sons, Terry Robinett, Ronnie Robinett and Aaron Robinett, all of Brumley; seven daughters, Mary Myers and Faye King, both of Brumley, Geneva Witt and Brenda Pritchett, both of Iberia, and Diana Jeffries, Kathy Lawson and Bettina Garmany, all of Brumley; 33 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. A son, Wayne Robinett, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Dennis Nichols officiating. Burial was in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, December 1999

Bertha E. Robinett, 95, Jefferson City, died Dec. 21, 1999, at her home. She was born May 8, 1904, in Happy Hollow, a daughter of Samuel and Cytha J. Rodden Phillips. She was married in Glasgow to Henry L. Cazzell, who preceded her in death. She was married June 25, 1934, in California, to James V. Robinett, who survives at the home.

A lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area, she attended school in Glasgow and was a homemaker. She was a member of Ozark Bethel Chapel Assembly of God Church, Roach.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Ruby E. Braden, Polo; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. One son, Virgil H. Cazzell, died July 28, 1998.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Freeman Mortuary. The Rev. Jesse Baker will officiate. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 4-5 p.m. Thursday.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, January 2000

E. Pauline Robinette, 78, of Buckner died Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Blue Springs. She was born Feb 3, 1921, at Henley and lived in Eugene before moving to Buckner 20 years ago. She was a member of the Henley Baptist Church.

Surviving her are four daughters, Janice Gulley of Raytown, Norma Franklin of Kansas City, Erma Wallace of Independence and Wilma Keepper of Lake Winnebago; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Speaks Suburban Chapel in Independence. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Eugene Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, August 1981

Mrs. Nellie G. Robinett, 69, of Ulman, died Aug. 15, 1981, at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital. She was born Dec. 5, 1911, at Kaiser, Mo., daughter of the late William and Martha Burks Long. She was untied in marriage to Omer Robinett on July 17, 1941. He survives of the home.

Also surviving are three sons, Farrell E. Jones and Robert P. Jones, both of Kansas City, Kan., and Donald M. Robinett of Ulman; one sister, Mrs. Mary Bires of the state of Washington; and two brothers, Amos Long of Richland and Robert Long of Crocker.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Ulman Baptist Church with Rev. Eldon Myers officiating. Burial was in the Robinett Cemetery at Brumley. Services were under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Brumley.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, February 1992

Morris D. Robinett Sr., 59, of Yakima, Wash., died Saturday at his home. HE was born Nov. 16, 1932, in Bagnell to Virgil and Alma Alexander Robinett.

He moved to the Yakima Valley at an early age and was graduated from Wapato High School in 1949. In 1954 he received his degree from Whitman College where he was an athlete and set track and field records, some of which still stand. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954
until 1956. He was employed by the Holtzinger Fruit Company of Yakima and was a supervisor at the time of his death.

Surviving him are his wife, Rosetta, of the home; two sons, Morris Dean Robinett Jr. and Gregory Dean Robinett, both of Vancouver, Wash.; his mother, Alma Robinett of Wapato, Wash.; a sister, Ruth LeDeux of Kent, Wash.; a brother, Earl Robinett of Wapato, Wash.; uncles Dam Robinett and Sherman Robinett of Eldon, Basil Robinett of Kaiser, Ted Robinett and Gerald Robinett of Eldon and Milo Robinett of Green Forrest, Ark.; and aunts Eunice Baucom, Eula Gorg, Ruby Shepherd, Pauline Currence and Sue DeGraffenreid of Eldon and Nellie Helton of Jefferson City.

Graveside services were held Feb. 11 at West Hills Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, February 1982

Frank M. Robinett, 69, Warsaw, formerly of Lee’s Summit, passed away Feb. 7, 1982, at Columbia Veteran’s Hospital after a short illness. He was born in Brumley on May 8, 1912, the son of Mac and Mary Jeffries Robinett. In 1940 he married the former Nellie Mae Love of Lee’s Summit where they lived most of their married life until retirement seven years ago.

He leaves his wife of the home; two daughters, Wanda Sue Ash, Brumley, and Bonnie Whorton, Moberly; four grandsons, three granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter; two sisters, Mae Robinett and Hattie West of Lee’s Summit; and two brothers, Lew V. Robinett of Pleasant Hill, and Dan Robinett of Lee’s Summit.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Ann Robinett, and two half brothers, Earl and Stanley Robinett.

Mr. Robinett was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Campaign, 710th Tank Battalion. He was a member of Plumber’s Local No. 8 of Kansas City. He worked for M & M Plumbing in Lee’s Summit, prior to retirement. He was also a member of the Lee’s Summit First Baptist Church and later the Poplar Baptist Church of Warsaw.

Donations to American Cancer Society can be made in his memory by his friends in Miller County.

Unknown Publication, July 1982

Mrs. Lena Robinett, 72, Jefferson City, died Saturday afternoon, July 17, 1982, at Charles E. Still Hospital. She had been in the hospital for the last two weeks. She was born October 12, 1909 at Lupus, the daughter of Daniel Jackson and Ella Howell Boyce. She was married April 7, 1928, at Jefferson City, Mo. to Tony Robinett, who survives of the home.

She had attended the Jefferson City public schools and had made her home in Jefferson City all of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She had been employed at the East End Shoe Factory before her retirement.

Survivors also include one son, Arvey (Sonny) Robinett, Jefferson City; three daughters, Mrs. Juanita M. Mitchell, Kansas City, Mrs. Wilma L. Schulte, Eldon, and Mrs. Sharon Ulstad, Jefferson City; four brothers, Ira E. Boyce, and Amil P. Boyce of Jefferson City. Andrew Boyce, Kansas City and Paul P. Boyce of Holts Summit; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Topeka, Kan.; and ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Buescher Memorial Home July 20. The Rev. Donald F. Gundy officiated. Interment was in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens (Jefferson City).

Jefferson City Post Trubune, February 1997

Virginia M. Robinett Ranney, 89, Jefferson City, died Monday at Capital Region Medical Center Southwest. She was born June 9, 1907, in Brumley, a daughter of Francis S. and Olivia Phillips Robinett. She was married in 1923 to Clyde Richardson, who preceded her in death. She then was married to Harold Ranney, who preceded her in death.
She owned and operated restaurants in the state of Nebraska, and worked for Bosch Embroidery Co., Kansas City. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Alphia Witham, Jefferson City. One infant son preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Houser-Millard Funeral Home. The Rev. Michard Erhardt will officiate. Burial will be in Hickory Hill Cemetery, Hickory Hill. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, November 2005


Mrs. Robinett was a lifelong resident of Miller County and was a member of the Tuscumbia First Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Wanda Lee Wright and Judith Ann Harwood, both of Tuscumbia, and Mary Louise Graves of Eldon; a son, Dr. John Glen Warren Jr. of San Clemente, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Funeral home with the Rev. Don Bilbary Sr. officiating. Burial will be in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, February 2006

Linda Ann Robinett, 62, of Eldon died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, in Eldon. She was born Nov. 21, 1943, in Miller County to Elize Kenneth and Emma Alexander Robinett.

Ms. Robinett worked for Unilever in Jefferson City for 32 years. She was a member of the Montreal Church of Christ.

Surviving are a daughter, Lesa Mokshefski of Sedalia; a son, David Wood Jr. of Eldon; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley with Dan Wissinger officiating.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, December 1986

Ruby Ellen Robinett, 74, of Rte. 1, Eldon died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1986 at Osabe Beach Health Care Center in Osage Beach. She was born July 19, 1912 in Bagnell to Thomas Clinton and Walksie Dixon Richardson. On March 7, 1935 she was married in Eldon to Sam W. Robinett, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Robinett was a lifelong resident of Miller County. She was a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Ted Richardson and Norman Richardson, both of Eldon; two sisters, Evelyn Patterson and Joan Johnson, both of Eldon; two step-brothers, Kenneth Lupardus of Fortuna and Glenn Lupardus of Canton; and a step-sister, Glee Pruitt of Osage Beach.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. George Cox officiating. Burial was in the New Hope Cemetery.
Jefferson City Post Tribune, March 2001


A lifelong resident of Central Missouri, he attended Jefferson City High School. He was a union brick layer for 20 years until his retirement in 1993.

Survivors include: two sons, Steven Daniel Robinett, Jefferson City, and Randy Joe Robinett, Taos; two daughters, Brenda K. Schnieders, Honey Creek, and Rhonda G. Robinett, Jefferson City; three sisters, Juanita Mitchell, Excelsior Springs, Wilma Schulte, Eldon, and Sharon Ulstad, Jefferson City; and three grandchildren. One grandchild died in 1978.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Freeman Mortuary. The Rev. Thomas Nelson will officiate. Graveside services will be in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, April 1997

Milo Robinett, 71, of Green Forest, Ark., died Wednesday, April 9, 1997 at his home. He was born June 11, 1925, in Brumley to Merrill and Stella Mae Workman Robinett. On June 11, 1946, he was married to Lila DeGraffenreid, who survives at the home.

Mr. Robinett worked at a hatchery and was an active farmer. He served in the 141st Infantry as a staff sergeant in South France during World War II. He received a combat infantry badge, a campaign ribbon, three battle stars, a purple heart, a good conduct ribbon and a victory ribbon. He was a member of the local DAV Chapter and Freeman Heights Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Robinett is survived by a son, Myron Douglas Robinett of Green Forest, Ark.; a daughter, Donna K. Butler of Kimberling City; two grandchildren; four brothers, Sherman Robinett and Teddy Robinett, both of Eldon, Gerald Robinett of Barnett and Basil Robinett of Kaiser; and six sisters, Eunice Baucom, Eula Gorg, Ruby Shepherd, Sue DeGraffenreid and Pauline Currence, all of Eldon, and Nellie Helton of Jefferson City.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Freeman Heights Baptist Church in Berryville with the Rev. Scott Cox and the Rev. Dean Smith officiating. Burial was in Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Services.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, June 1997

Lucy E. Robinett, 71, of Kansas City died June 27, 1997. She lived in Eldon for many years. She was the daughter of Lon and Thena Karr McBroom. She was married to Walker D. Robinett, who survives at the home. Mrs. Robinett was a member of the First Baptist Church in North Kansas City.

Also surviving her are a son, Gary Robinett of the home; three grandsons; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lois Kay of Kansas City, Eula McMean of Farmington, Ill., and Helen McKeown of Oneida, Ill.; and a brother, William McBroom of Santa Cruz, Calif. One son, Larry Robinett, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held July 1 at the First Baptist Church in North Kansas City and burial was in the White Chapel Cemetery.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, December 1997

Albert Patric Robinett Sr., 77, Russellville, died Thursday, December 18, 1997, at his home. He was born Nov. 4, 1920, in Jefferson City, a son of Albert J. and Isabelle Ellen Carson Robinett. He was married Dec. 14, 1940, in Jefferson City to Oletta Marie Love, who survives at the home.

He attended Jefferson City public schools. An Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he served in the Missouri Army National Guard from 1945 to 1950. He worked at Tweedie Shoe Factory, Disposal Waste Co., Whaley’s Pharmace and Wal-Mart, Camdenton. He also worked in the grocery business.
He attended Ozark Bethel Chapel, Roach, and was a member of VFW Post 1003.
Other survivors include: three sons, Albert P. Robinett JR., Holts Summit, Mark D. Robinett Sr., Brazito, and Mike Robinett Sr., Henley; one daughter, Alberta “Patsy” Thompson, Jefferson City; one brother, James V. Robinett, Jefferson City; four sisters, Margaret Rtoh, Westwood, Kan., Lorraine Day, Russellville, Evelyn Smith, Columbia, and Ellen Schubert, Shawnee, Kan.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. One grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Houser-Millard Funeral Home. Brother J.D. Parks will officiate. Entombment will be in the mausoleum at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. Saturday. Memorials are suggested to Camdenton Senior Citizen Center, P.O. Box 662, Camdenton, Mo. 64020.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, September 1997

Dorothy Irene Robinett, 54, of Brumley died Thursday, Sept 7, 1995, at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach of an apparent heart attack. She was born April 22, 1941, in Brumley to Kenneth and Juanita Brown Luttrell. On Sept. 20, 1959, she was married in Osage Beach to John Robinett, who survives at the home.

Mrs Robinett was a lifelong resident of the Brumley community and worked as a housekeeper.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Michael Wayne Robinett of Kaiser and Thomas Eugene Robinett of Brumley; three daughters, Anita Kay Jeffries and Tammy Michell Cooper, both of Brumley, and Carolyn Irene Sooter of Tuscumbia; five brothers, Kenneth Dewey Luttrell, Lonny Oscar Luttrell and Vernon Luttrell, all of Brumley, David Ray Luttrell of Iberia and James Edward Luttrell of Tuscumbia; ten grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Rodden Church of Christ near Brumley, with the Rev. Bill Rosen officiating. Burial was in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley under the direction of Hedges Funeral Home in Osage Beach.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, March 1996

Mark Steven Robinett, 39, Merriam, Kan., died Wednesday March 6, 1996, at St Luke’s Hospital, Kansas City, MO. He was born Dec. 20, 1956, in Kansas City, Kan., a son of Wade and Patricia Dackson Robinett. His father survives in Kansas City. His mother survives in Mirriam.

A graduate of the Kansas City, Kan., Vocational and Technical School, he attended Johnson County Community College and the University of Missouri, both in Kansas City.

Other survivors include three sisters, Christine Robinett, Concord, Calif., Sandra Dohman, Memphis, Tenn., and Michelle Robinett, New York City.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. The Rev. Stan Way will officiate. Burial will be in Robinett Cemetery, near Brumley. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to the Robinett Cemetery or to the Red Cross as blood donations.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, March 2000

Elvin Phillips, 83, Iberia, died March 16, 20000, at his home. He was born March 22, 1916, in Brumley, a son of Clarence and Eelcie Godfrey Phillips. He was married June 4, 1972, in Kansas City to Phyllis Melton, who survives at the home.

He was a 20-year Navy veteran retiring in 1961. He was involved in cattle and farming operations for the 40 years following his retirement from the navy. He also worked as a baker at Fort Leonard Wood for 16 years, retiring in December 1982.

He was a life member of Crocker VFW Post 4956 and the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 316, Springfield. He also belonged to the National Rifle Association.
Other survivors include: two sons, Larry Allan, Sedalia, and Gary Allan, Brazito; one daughter, Terry Allan, Sedalia; two brothers, Louis Phillips and Pat Phillips, both of Brumley; one sister, Ila Asa, Brumley; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, February 2000


She worked for O & R Poultry Company and later with Pryor’s Novelty Company, both in Tuscumbia, until her retirement. She was a member of Rodden Church of Christ near Brumley.

Survivors include: two daughters, Bonnie Turner and Ellen Horton, both of Tuscumbia; three brothers, S.B. Ash and Bert Ash, both of Brumley, and Farris Ash, Tuscumbia; one sister, Thelma Albertson, Tuscumbia; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One son, Lee Roy Phillips, died Aug. 25, 1998.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. The Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. Burial will be in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, November 2005

**Gilbert W. Rodden**, 87, of Brumley died Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born Sept 5, 1918, in Brumley to Isaac and Mary Sons Rodden. On Jan. 5, 1940, he was married to Roma Jeffries, who survives at the home.

Mr. Rodden was a farmer and was employed at Lodge of the Four Seasons as a road grader.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lonnie and Cheryl Rodden of Richland and Phillip Rodden of Carthage, Mo.; four daughters and their husbands, Wanda Sue Ash of Brumley, Carol and Fred Marsch of Lebanon; Janie and John Messner of Lebanon and Thelma and Larry Shields of Osage Beach; a brother, Eddie Rodden of Brumley; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by four children, Russell, Darrell, Rita and Patsy.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Rodden Cemetery near Brumley under the direction of Hedges Funeral Home of Osage Beach.

Unknown Publication, April 1975

**William Freeman Jones**, age 91 years, of Iberia, Mo., passed away Monday, April 21, 1975 at the Wallace Rowden Hospital Center in Lebanon, Mo. where he had been a patient since April 8, 1975. Bro. Jones was born in Iberia, Mo. in Miller County, the son of John Franklin and Sarah (Fike) Jones. He was united in marriage June 18, 1911 at Alder Springs by Bro. George Shepard to Nellie Sophia Bilyeu, who preceded him in death on July 26, 1970. Bro. Jones was baptized in 1912 and began preaching and traveling for the Church of Christ in 1913. HE lived in Miller County all his life in the Tuscumbia, Iberia and Hancock areas. Bro. Jones had been a newspaper editor and started his first newspaper in Hancock, MO.

Surviving are: two daughters, Mrs. Lois E. Thomson of Iberia, MO. and Mrs. Dorcas L. Copley of Lebanon, MO.; two sons, Paul F. Jones of St. Louis, Mo. and LeRoy V. Jones of Horseshoe Bend, Ark.; two brothers, Howard Jones of Fowler, Kans. and David Jones of Socorro, New Mex.; two sisters, MRS. Flossie Kinder of Owensville, Mo. and Mrs. Helen Nygaard of Grand Prairie, Tex.; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 1975 at the STevinson Chapel in Iberia with Bro. B.J. Tidwell officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under
the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were: Kent Jones, Don Thomson, Harley Thomson, Maurice Mace, Louis Pfaff and Jim Kraft.

**Unknown Publication, September 17, 1953**

Funeral services for **Clarence B. Wright**, 75, a life-long resident of the Tuscumbia community, were held at 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the Tuscumbia Christian Church. Mr. Wright, president of the Anchor Milling Company, died about 3 p.m. Tuesday at his home in Tuscumbia. He had been an invalid the past six years.

Mr. Wright was associated with the milling company 55 years. As the Anchor Milling Company operated boats on the Osage River during the steamboating days, Mr. Wright also became well known as a steamboat captain and river authority. For 35 years he served aboard boats operating from Linn Creek to the mouth of the Osage.

He was captain of the last steamboat to operate on the Osage, the Homer C. Wright.

Mr. Wright, the son of Miller County pioneers, Green Lee and Emma Boyce Wright, was born at the family home near the Little Saline north of Tuscumbia on November 14, 1877.

He was married to Miss May Hauenstein, daughter of another pioneer family, Mr. and Mrs. P.F. Hauenstein, in 1905. They were the parents of one son, Homer Clay Wright, now manager of the Anchor Milling Company.

Mr. Wright was a member of the Tuscumbia Christian Church which he joined early in life. He has served as Sunday school superintendent and teacher. He attended school at Tuscumbia, and was a member of the Tuscumbia band. He also attended the Spring Garden Institute and taught in rural schools for several terms.

When a young man, he was employed at the Anchor Milling Company and displayed exceptional ability as a businessman, he advanced with the company. He was active in the business as manager until his ill health forced him to retire. Although in ill health for the past six years, he showed an active interest in all community events and recorded daily the happenings of the community in a diary he has kept continuously since 1912. Many events of the steamboating days are recorded and the early history of the town is reflected in the writings, which he expressed a desire to have published in a book some day.

In addition to his wife and son, Mr. Wright is survived by four brothers: Otis of Pierce City, Charles I. of Centralia, and Richard and Homer Lee of Tuscumbia; and one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Topping of Barnett.

The Rev. A.L. Alexander of Lake Ozark was to conduct the services with burial in Tuscumbia Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

**Unknown Publication, December 1946**

The Tuscumbia Christian Church, filled to capacity, did not accommodate half of the many friends attending the funeral services for **Frank L. Thompson** on Sunday afternoon. Rev. A.L. Alexander officiated at the services with burial in the Tuscumbia Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home. Masonic ceremonies were held at the grave.

Frank Lawrence Thompson, a well loved resident of Tuscumbia, died suddenly on Wednesday night at Waynesville of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was born March 23, 1884, at Tuscumbia, the son of John and Hattie Thompson.

At an early age he began working in the blacksmith shop of his stepfather, J.E. Kallenbach, and then engaged in the garage business with him for many years. For three years during World War II he was employed as a guard at the Bagnell Dam, and since the close of the war was employed at the Bell garage in Waynesville.

Early in 1911 he was united in marriage with Stella Blackburn, who died a few months later in the same year. On June 24, 1917, he was united in marriage with Icie L. Burns, and to this union was born one daughter, Frances Laurice.
He is survived by his wife, Icie, and daughter, Frances (Mrs. LeRoy Snodgrass) his twin brother, Charles C. of Portland, Oregon, and a sister, Mrs. H.M. Atwell, of Eldon. He also leaves three half brothers, L.E. Kallenbach and D.E. Kallenbach, of Tuscumbia, and Joseph E. Kallenbach of Ann Arbor, Michigan; two half sisters, Mrs. C.E. Fendorf of Jefferson City, and Mrs. Asa Mayfield, of El Reno, Oklahoma, and his step-father, J.E. Kallenbach of Tuscumbia. He is survived by one uncle, C.M. Thompson of Portland, Oregon.

Some 40 years ago he united with the Christian Church (under the preaching of W.M. Mundell) and continued in that faith until death. He was a member of the Modern Woodman and the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and also a member of the Masonic Order, including the Royal Arch Degree.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, March 1982

Harold M. Pryor, 62, of 102 Gerhart Ave., Eldon, died Wednesday, March 17, 1982, at St. Mary's Health Center. He was born Feb. 20, 1920, at Hartville to John N. and Emma Jones Pryor. His mother survives at Tuscumbia. He was married April 10, 1940, at Hartville to Susie Bear, who survives at the home.

Mr. Pryor operated Pryor Novelty Co. at Tuscumbia with his brothers Fred and Ansel until he retired. He was a member of the Eldon United Methodist Church.

Also surviving is a son Joe Pryor, Leawood, Kan., and two grandchildren. A daughter, Pat Hillman, and grandson, Bobby Hillman, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home with Dr. Wesley Harmon officiating. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, April 1938

Edward P. Clark, for twelve years County Clerk of Miller County, died suddenly at the home of Mrs. Grace Eilerts, where he had rooms, Friday evening after returning from his place of business. The funeral was held at Tuscumbia Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon by the Rev. Raymond J. Gilbreath, pastor of the Eldon M.E. Church.

Edward Pinkney Clark was born near Olean, June 11, 1878, the tenth and last child of W.G. Clark, known as Uncle Billy Clark, and Margaret Kelsay Clark, both deceased. He was married to Miss Lena Hauenstein of Tuscumbia, January 17, 1911. To them one child was born, Genevieve Clark, who is now in the hospital in Kansas City. Mrs. Clark died in 1914.

Besides the one daughter, Mr. Clark is survived by a sister, Mrs. Annie Lawson, who at the present time is making her home with their daughter, Mrs. Elmer M. Scott.

Mr. Clark was elected to the office of County Clerk on the Republican ticket in 1918, 1922, and 1926. Later he was employed by the Union Electric Light & Power Company during the construction of Bagnell Dam. For the past few years he had suffered from heart attacks and it was necessary for him to be very careful and it is probable that walking home in the cold hard wind Friday evening caused the sudden attack.

Burial was made at Tuscumbia cemetery with Masonic ritual ceremony at the grave, George Catron of Eldon, Master of Ionia Lodge No. 381, in charge. Mr. Clark became a member of the Masonic order at Eldon when Tuscumbia Lodge disbanded.

Unknown Publication, December 1979

A former Iberia and Ulman resident, Mrs. Lela Gertrude Feldpush, 66, Kansas City, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 1979, at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City. She was born Sept. 24, 1913, at Iberia to Elmer and Elva McCubbin Slone. In 1939 she was married to Bill Daugherty, who died in 1942. On Feb. 13, 1943, she was married in Kansas City to Walter H. Feldpush who died Feb. 25, 1958.

Mrs. Feldpush had been a member of the Christian Church in Kansas City since 1939.
Surviving are two sons, James Feldpush and John Feldpush of Kansas City; two brothers, Charley Slone and Carl Slone, both of Ulman; and three sisters, Gladys Slone, Ulman, Mrs. Helen Jones, Altus, Ok., and Mrs. Rosalee Jones, Elk Creek.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stevinson Funeral Home in Iberia with Bro. Farris Wall officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, January 1940

John Shockley was born near Iberia, Mo., December 19, 1915, the son of Pearley and Laura Shockley. He passed away at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City at 6:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 23, 1940, at the age of 24 years, 1 month and 4 days. His father preceded him in death when John was a small boy, on September 11, 1926.

He finished his grade school work at the Elliott School and was graduated from the Tuscumbia High School in May 1933. He then attended Iberia Junior College and was graduated from that institution in 1935. He attended Warrensburg Teachers College during the summer terms of 1937 and 1938.

John was teaching his second term at the Reed School near Brumley when he became ill after the Christmas vacation.

He united with the Fairview Christian Church in October 1938, and was superintendent of the Sunday school as well as teacher of the young people’s class.

John was a young man who had the respect of everyone, a young man who had prepared himself for service for the betterment of his community, country, state and nation.

He is survived by his widowed mother and brother Caladius, many uncles and aunts and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Fairview Christian Church on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o’clock, Rev. John Phillips of Iberia officiating. Burial was in Livingston Cemetery with Adams and Casey in charge.

Unknown Publication, 1963

(a handwritten note at the top of this article dated the obituary Nov. 10, 1963).

Funeral services for Dr. Otis E. Burris, 71, of Ponca City, Okla. were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon. He was killed in an auto accident Dec. 10. Dr. Burris was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willis Burris of Eldon. He was married to the former Miss Cirrelnda Franklin, also of Eldon.

Survivors include his wife of the home at Ponca City; two daughters, Miss Martha Elizabeth, Aurora, Ill., and Mrs. Cirrelnda Snyder, Tulsa, Okla.; one son Dr. Otis Burris, Jr., Vancouver, Wash.; four granddaughters. Five sisters, Mrs. Alice Barth, N. Hollywood, Calif.; Mrs. Opal Barth, Harrington Park, N.J.; Mrs. Tamar Hunter, St. Louis; and Mrs. Oma Weatherhold and Mrs. Mattie Jones Eldon; and one brother, Dr. Wallace Burris, Bixby, Okla.

The Rev. C.N. Van Dyke officiated at the rites here. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery. Pallbearers were Harry Kay, Curtis Weeks, Ray Barbour, S.E. Gunn, Ford Vaughan, and J.L. Stayton.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007

John David Duncan, 71, of Eldon died Monday Dec. 3, 2007, in Osage Beach. He was born May 4, 1936, in Brumley to Clyde and Opal Luttrell Duncan. On July 16, 1960, he was married in Eldon to Alma Hicks, who survives at the home.

Mr. Duncan was a union construction worker and was a member of Union Local 662. He worked for the city of Eldon. He was a deacon at the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon.

Also surviving him are a son and his wife, David Wayne and Roxanna Duncan of Russellville; a daughter, Donna Stark of Eldon; four grandchildren, Tommy Stark and wife Shanna, Jessica Stark, Elizabeth Duncan and Sarah Duncan; two gret-grandchildren, Mason and
Owenn Calvin; five brothers, Thurman Duncan, Harold Duncan, Norman Duncan, Billy Joe Duncan and Ronnie Duncan; and three sisters, Shirley Wood, Karren Wood and Cathy VanHooser.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon with Chris Reynolds, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Eldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Ninth Street Christian Church Building Fund.

Granite City Press Record, Saturday, December 8, 2007

Tennyson "Brice" Wickham, 68, of Granite City, died at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at his residence. He was born July 20, 1939, in Tusculumia, Mo. Mr. Wickham attended St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Granite City; retired in 1989 from AT&T as a manager after 23 years of service; enjoyed woodworking and fixing electronics; and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran where he served with the Air Wing Division for more than nine years.

He married the former Nancy Roberta Hoffman on Sept. 3, 1960, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. She survives after 47 years of marriage.

Other survivors include one daughter, Karen Wickham of Granite City; one son, Kevin Wickham of Houston, Texas; one brother, Eddie D. Keilbach of St. Elizabeth, Mo.; one uncle, Curt Wickham of Granite City; one granddaughter, Sheena Wickham of Houston; and one grandson, Cody Wickham of Houston. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Florence (Hoffman) Keilbach.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 2200 Grand. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the church with the Rev. Eugene Stormer officiating. Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Gateway Regional Hospice, St. Bartholomew's Church or to the Erica James Foundation and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, June 2004

Harrel R. Wright Sr., 80, Olean, died June 18, 2004, in Olean. He was born March 14, 1924, in Miller County, a son of Milford Cordell and Mary Magdelan (Keeth) Wright. He was married Jan. 30, 1946, in Kansas City, Kan., to Pearl E. (Harris) Wright, who survives at the home.

He was self-employed in construction and carpentry for most of his life. He was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge, Eldon.

Other survivors include: two sons, Harrel Ray Wright, Jr., Sumerset, N.J., and David E. Wright, Eldon; and one sister, Bonnie Johnson, St. Charles.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Eldon City Cemetery with the Rev. Walter D. Simpson officiating. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor’s choice.

The Kansas City Star, Thursday, December 14, 2007

Connie Gratney, age 80, Tonganoxie, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. A celebration of her life will be 2:30 p.m. Friday, December 14 at D.W. Newcomer's Sons, Johnson County Chapel, 11200 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas with a gathering of family and friends, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Friday at the chapel preceding the service. Burial in Johnson County Memorial Gardens.

Connie was born on April 4, 1927, in Brumley, Missouri, the daughter of Thelma and Ralph Wall, and grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. She graduated from Rosedale High School in 1945. She married Burl R. Gratney, on December 21, 1946. Connie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. She fought a courageous battle with rheumatoid arthritis for most of her
adult life and was a role model for all with her determination, independence and devotion to others.

She is survived by her son Mark and wife Linda of Leavenworth, Kansas, son Richard and wife Annette of Paris, Texas, grandchildren Kelly Gratny Carlson and husband Eric, Maggie Jo Gratny, Dusten Gratny and wife Sara, Cody Gratny and wife Mindy, and Trisa Gratny. Connie also has one great-grandson, William Wyatt Gratny. In addition she is survived by her brother W. Dean Wall and wife Karen of Olathe, Kansas, and nieces Joanna Wall and Jayme Nelson, husband Joe Ray and grand-nephew Sawyer Joseph. Connie was preceded in death by grandson Kyle Lee Gratny.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Kyle Lee Gratny Memorial Scholarship at the KU Endowment, 3901 Rainbow Boulevard, Kansas City, Kansas 66160 or the Basehor United Methodist Church Capital Fund, 18660 158th Street, Bonner Springs, Kansas 66012.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, December 13, 2007

Gertrude E. Atkisson, 91, of Lake Ozark died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at Lake Regional Health System. She was born Sept. 13, 1916, in Iberia to Frank Andrews and Kallah Brooks Whittle. She was married to James Atkisson who preceded her in death.

She worked as a bookkeeper and was a member of Riverview Baptist Church in Osage Beach.

Surviving are a son and his wife, James and Jerry Lynn Atkisson of Osage Beach; six grandchildren, Marshell Atkisson of Kaiser, Thomas Atkisson and his wife Peggy of Lake Ozark, Teresa ATkisson of Holts Summit, Cinthia Harrion of Ashland, Kimberly Talarchyk and her husband Jim of Clearwater, Fla., and Becki Willenbrink and her husband Greg of Lake St. Louis; 21 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach with Danny Graves officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia. Contributions may be made to the Lake Ozark Shriners.

The Miller County Autogram, Thursday, August 19, 1937

Joseph T. Hensley, a former Miller County man, passed away in Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 9, 1937. Joseph T. Hensley was born in Miller County August 6, 1849; died at the age of 88 years and 3 days.

He lived in Missouri and was a farmer till 1909 when he moved to Oklahoma and went into the dairy business. At the time of his death he and his son, W.T., were running a dairy near Tulsa.

He was married to Miss T.E. Jarrett in 1872, and she passed away in Tulsa, Okla., July 1917. To this union 8 children were born; 6 yet survive him, and 2—Everett and W.A.—passed on before him. Those living are Mrs. O.E. Barton, Locust Grove, Mrs. W.A. Davidson, Turley, Ollie H., Andrew, Mrs. Geo. Burgin and W.T. Hensley, all of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. J.M. Lamb of Iberia.

He united with the church about 40 years ago and at the time he left Missouri held membership with the Mt. View Church of Christ.

All that helping hands and medical aid could do failed as the Great Maker saw fit to call him away.

Funeral service and burial was by the side of his companion and were held at Sand Springs Okla., Wednesday, August 11th.—written by a daughter, Mrs. J.M. Lamb

Jefferson City Post Tribune, December 2005

Leonard Ivan Champlain Sr., age 88, of Jefferson City, died Monday, December 19, 2005, at Heisinger Home. He was born in Meta on October 7, 1917, a son of William H. and Eva

He lived in St. Louis County for 33 years returning to the Meta community in 1975. He worked at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis for 22 years. He was a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge #410 AF and AM and attended Meta Christian Church. He was an avid fisherman and loved hunting.

Survivors include: one son, Leonard I. Champlain Jr., and wife Pamela of Holts Summit; one brother, Harold Champlain of Villa Ridge; three grandchildren, Raymond York, Tabetha York, and Dawn Stilson; three great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. His parents and 12 brothers and sisters also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Rev. Manuel Seaton will officiate. Interment will be in Southside Cemetery near Meta. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with a Masonic Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, June 2007

Sarah Jane Holtmeyer, 53 of Taos, MO died Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born October 12, 1953 in Tuscumbia, MO a daughter of Ralph and Mabel Clark Bilyeu, who preceded her in death.

She attended Tuscumbia High School. She was employed as a Customer Service Representative at Scholastic’s and as a babysitter. She enjoyed dancing, babysitting and admired dolphins.

She is survived by her four children: Jason Holtmeyer and his fiancé Heather of Taos, Kelly Schulte and her husband Tim of Tuscumbia, Electrician’s Mate 1st Class Submarines Qualified Richard “Rick” Holtmeyer and his wife April of Goose Creek, South Carolina and Sarah Holtmeyer of Eugene; three sisters: Peggy Bouren of Lafayette, Louisiana, Linda Loethen of Eugene, and Kitty Weider and her husband Mike of Taos; and eight grandchildren: Jamie Holtmeyer, Meredith Holtmeyer, MacKinzie Holtmeyer, Lilyauna Cobb, Jake Schulte, Beau Distler, Kegan Beazley, and Hunter Beazley.

Friends will be received from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 10, 2007 at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, with Rev. Murl Nash officiating. Private Graveside services will be held at the Mount Zion Christian Church Cemetery near Tuscumbia. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice. Arrangements are under the direction of HOUSER-MILLARD Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street; Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. (573) 636-3838.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, April, 2006

Terry Lee Holtmeyer, 54, of Henley, went into the arms of his Heavenly Father on Thursday, April 27, 2006, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born July 7, 1951, in Tuscumbia, Missouri., a son of Joseph H. and Marie L. (Morff) Holtmeyer.

He was a 1970 graduate of St. Elizabeth R-4 High School in St. Elizabeth, Missouri. On September 25, 1992, he was married in Jefferson City, to Barbara L. Bryan, who survives at the home. Terry worked for Unilever for 33 years until his retirement in 2005 as a Packaging Reliability Technician from the "C" Shift Hair Mechanical Department.

He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Taos and formerly attended St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. He was also a member of the Taos Knights of Columbus Council 6430 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2693 in Jefferson City. He enjoyed fishing, working on the farm and sitting on the porch watching the birds at their bird feeders, but most of all he loved to spend time with his loving family.

He is also survived by his mother: Marie L. Holtmeyer of St. Elizabeth; two
sons: Jason Holtmeyer (fiancée Heather) of Taos, Electrician's Mate 1st Class Submarines Qualified Richard "Rick" Holtmeyer (wife April) of Goose Creek, S.C.; two daughters: Kelly Schulte (husband Tim) of Mary's Home, and Sarah Holtmeyer of Jefferson City; two step-sons: Brian Morff of Mary's Home, Brick Morff (wife Shannon) of Jefferson City; one step-daughter: Bree Morff of Chicago, Ill.; nine brothers: Gary Holtmeyer of Columbia, Joseph Holtmeyer (wife Marilyn) of Taos, James Holtmeyer (wife Nina) of Bonnotts Mill, Alan Holtmeyer (wife Delores) of St. Thomas, Randy Holtmeyer (wife Fatima) of Houston, Texas, Gerald Holtmeyer (wife Vickie) of Bonnotts Mill, Roger Holtmeyer (wife Virgeline) of Jefferson City, Glen Holtmeyer of St. Elizabeth, and Kevin Holtmeyer (wife Dee) of Iberia; five sisters: Sharon Brauner (husband Bob) of Jefferson City, Sandra Robinett of Jefferson City, Shirley Toebben (husband Jerry) of Taos, Susan Gilbert (husband Carl) of Jefferson City, Mary Dunn (husband Chuck) of Jefferson City; and ten grand-children: Jamie Holtmeyer, Beau Distler, Hunter Beazley, Kegan Beazley, Jake Schulte, Meredith Holtmeyer, Braden Morff, Mackinzie Holtmeyer, Lilyauna Cobb, Abigail Morff; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father: Joseph H. Holtmeyer, and a sister-in-law: Helen Holtmeyer.

Family & friends will be received from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors - Jefferson City Chapel, with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m. Additional Visitation will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Monday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 1, 2006, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth, with Fr. Francis Stuart officiating. Interment will follow in the St. Lawrence Parish Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Arrangements are under the direction of the HOUSER-MILLARD Funeral Directors - Jefferson City Chapel, 2613 West Main Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. (573)636-3838.

Dallas Melton Dies in Colorado

Died July 28, 1915, Dallas Melton, a former resident of Miller County, at his home in Pueblo, Colorado. There were present at his bedside at the time of his death, his wife and two of his children, his father and stepmother and a number of friends. His son Ivey was out in the country about twenty five miles but made it in in time for the funeral.

The funeral was conducted at his residence by the pastor of the M. E. Church. The pastor of the Christian Church was off on a visit. The brethren of the Christian Church were so kind and noble I never will forget them. How they have ministered to his wants and the way they discharged their duty to the last. The body was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery. Oh such a lovely place covered with blue grass and well taken care of. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers donated by friends and the church. God will surely bless these people.

-Frank L. Blankenship, son of W. T. Blankenship, was born March 10, 1889. Died at Albuquerque, New Mexico May 22, 1913. He was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist Church in a meeting held at the Post Oak school house, by Rev. McGrew and Rev. Neal in 1909.

He leaves a father, mother, six brothers, 4 sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted at the home of his parents by Rev. W C Self, assisted by S. P. Cox and J. M. Henderson, May 25 1913. He was laid to rest in the Gott cemetery May 26th, with the ceremonies of the Modern Woodman Camp of Ulman of which he was an honored member and esteemed neighbor.

Frank bore a good name and seemed to be making a fine record. Those who knew him longest spoke freely of his good characteristics. May the great head of the church be mindful of the bereaved loved ones and grant them the privilege of a happy (last line unreadable)
Jefferson City News Tribune, Saturday, December 29, 2007

**Sterling Cross**, 97, of St. Elizabeth, Mo., died Thursday, December 27, 2007, at St. Elizabeth, Mo. Survivors include: one daughter-in-law, Dorsi Cross, Tuscumbia, Mo.; two grandchildren, Debbie Shackleford, St. Elizabeth, Mo. and Vicky Wyatt, Tuscumbia, Mo.; four great-grandchildren, Amber Robinson, Kendra Shackleford, Tyson Helton, Lucas Helton; two great-great-grandchildren, Emma Helton and Bella Helton.

Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007, at the funeral home.


**Ruth Thornsberry**, 94, Rolla, died December 28, 2007, in the Rolla Manor Care, Rolla. She was born April 18, 1913, a daughter of James and Huldah (Croley) Elder.

Survivors include: two daughters and one son-in-law, Thersa Thornsberry, Santa Barbara, California and Janice and George Hartinger, Rolla; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2007, in the Long Funeral Home, Crocker with Dr. Bob Johnson officiating. Interment will be in the Crocker Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2007, at the funeral home.

Bernadine Davenport, 84, Eldon, died Saturday, December 29, 2007 at Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles.

Survivors include: three sons, Billy Davenport, Eldon, Larry Davenport, Blue Springs, and Henry Davenport, Olivette, Mo.; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Clyde Cornwell, Harrison, Ark.

Visitation will be from 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2008, at Phililps Funeral Home, Eldon with Lynn BEnland officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery, Rocky Mount, Mo.

Faye M. Keeth, age 84, of Iberia, died Sunday, December 30, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was married to Vernon Allen Keeth, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include: one daughter, Linda Irwin of Iberia; one son, Doug Keeth of Iberia; two grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; three great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 1, 2008, at the Iberia Church of the Nazarene. Interment will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, January 3, 2008


Mrs. Keeth was a member of the Iberia American Legion Post105 Ladies Auxiliary and the Iberia Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are a daughter and her husband, Linda and Mike Irwin of Iberia; a son and his wife, Doug and Patty Keeth of Ieria; two grandchildren and their spouses, Junior Blankenship and wife Jeanine of Iberia and Jason Keeth and wife Morgan of Ulman; a step-granddaughter, LeAnn Huey and husband Jason of Swedeborg; three great-grandchildren, Jesse Blankenship and Jasper Blankenship, both of Iberia, and Moriah Keeth of Ulman; and two step-great-grandchildren, Balin Huey and Cadie Huey, both of Swedeborg. A daughter, Sandra Kay Keeth, preceded her in death.
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Iberia Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Greg McClain officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Iberia Church of the Nazarene.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, December 28, 2007

**Helen Apperson**, age 96, of Eldon, Mo., passed away December 26, 2007, in Jefferson City, Mo. She was born December 4, 1911, in Tuscumbia, Mo., the daughter of Clarence Lee Blackburn and Rosa Myrtle (Harris) Blackburn who both preceded her in death.

She was married July 23, 1931, in Eldon, Mo., to Louie Floyd Apperson, who preceded her in death July 19, 2000. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Mo., serving as Children’s Sunday School Teacher. She enjoyed sewing and crafts.

She is survived by one son, Larry Apperson, Eldon, Mo.; two daughters, Alvia Stiffler, Jefferson City, Mo., and Priscilla Walkup, Blue Springs, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Others who preceded her in death include: one sister, Mary Blackburn and one brother, James Blackburn.

Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 29, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Eldon. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 29, 2007, at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo.


**Lorraine Catherine Bax**, age 80, of St. Elizabeth, died Tuesday, January 1, 2008, at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born in St. Elizabeth on September 2, 1927, the daughter of August George “Gus” and Rosa D. (Braun) Bax. Her mother survives in St. Elizabeth.

Other survivors include: two brothers, Norman J. Bax of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Giles A. Bax of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, at St. Lawrence Cemetery in St. Elizabeth.

Unknown Publication, March 1941

**Mrs. James Goforth**, sister of Mrs. G.W. Adams and Mrs. Everett Wilson of this place, died at her home near Richland, Mo. Sunday morning following a two weeks illness. She first suffered a severe attack of neuritis and this was followed by an almost continuous hiccupping until she passed away.

All her sisters and brothers were at her bedside during her sickness except Mrs. Brose Dickerson of West Palm Beach, Florida, who was unable to come on account of the serious illness of her husband. Mrs. Ottie Dupree and Mr. Arthur Gardner, however, were unable to remain for the funeral service, due to their taking ill.

Mrs. Goforth and her family formerly lived in Iberia, leaving here about 20 years ago. After leaving Iberia, Mr. Goforth was an employee of the Crighton Provision Co. of Springfield for several years and later located on a farm near Richland, where Mrs. Goforth died.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Richland Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o’clock, the Rev. Lehming, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Richland Cemetery under the direction of the Adams & Casey Funeral Home of Iberia.

**Frances (Gardner) Goforth**, daughter of the late Felix and Sarah Ellen Gardner, was born at Iberia, Mo., on March 14, 1872. She entered into rest at her home near Richland, Mo., 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 23, 1941, at the age of 69 years and nine days.

On February 7, 1893, she was married to James F. Goforth and to them were born seven children—two daughters and five sons, namely: Mrs. Zella Evans of Richland, Mo.; Mrs. Della
Minniford of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Frank, Vincent and George, all of Hartland, Maine, and Paul and David of Richland, MO.

She is survived by her husband and the seven children; five sisters and two brothers—Mrs. Geo. W. Adams of Iberia, Mo.; Mrs. Brose Dickerson of West Palm Beach, Florida; Mrs. Ottie Dupree of Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. Everett Wilson of Iberia, Mo.; Mrs. Walter Dickerson, Frank and Arthur Gardner, all of St. Louis; also 23 grandchildren and on great-grandchild.

At the age of 17 Mrs. Goforth was converted during a meeting at the Methodist Church in Iberia, Mo., and her life has been so lived among her family and many friends—plain and simple in her manners, true and faithful, loved and respected by all who knew her.

Unknown Publication, November 1942

**Glendon Walter Mace**, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Mace, was born September 3, 1905, in Iberia, Mo., and passed away Nov. 21, 1942, at Mt. St. Rose Hospital in St. Louis, being 37 years, 2 months and 18 days old.

His childhood and school days were spent in Iberia where he was a student in the Academy. In early manhood he went to St. Louis where he spent most of his life, being employed at Metro-Goldwin-Mayer Picture Corporation of that city.

At sixteen years of age he was converted and baptized by the Baptist Minister of Iberia Baptist Church, but in his last year he accepted the Catholic faith and was baptized by the Priest. He passed away peacefully trusting in his Lord.

On August 3, 1938, Walter was married to Mary Virginia Hays of New London, Missouri. Besides his wife, he leaves to cherish his memory his parents and three sisters, Mrs. Gail Hix of Ulman, Mrs. William McDonald of Salem and Mrs. Jack White of Iberia, also a number of other relatives and friends.

Walter was always joking and cheerful until the end. One of his greatest virtues was that he had no patience with gossip. He lived his life the way he wanted it and wanted other people to do the same.

From Sunday until Tuesday the body lay in state at the Hoppe Funeral Chapel in St. Louis. Here his many friends were made evident by the great number of beautiful flowers and those who called in person to pay their last respects.

Tuesday morning as had been his request, brief private services were conducted by the Rev. John Golden at New London, Mo., the former home of his wife. The pallbearers were his five brothers-in-law, Harry Hays, Robert Atkinson, Jack White, William McDonald and Gail Hix, also an uncle Everett Mace. Interment was made in the Barkley Cemetery there under the directions of O’Donnell Funeral Service of that city.

Unknown Publication, September 1941

**Walter Frederick Grady**, son of A.G. and Sarah Grady, was born at Iberia, Mo., June the 6th, 1898, and departed this life Friday, September 19th, 1941, being 43 years, 3 months and 13 days of age. He spent practically all his life in Iberia, having been away only a short while when employed in St. Louis.

In January 1920, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Groves. Some twenty years ago he became a partner in the firm of Grady & Porter of Iberia and spent his time since then in service to the public. He was a member of the Christian-Congregational Church and was also a member of the Mason and Eastern Star fraternal orders. He served nine years as member of the school board of Iberia Public Schools and had recently been re-elected to his fourth term of office on that board.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Grady of Iberia, and one brother, Calvin Grady, of Little Rock, Ark. A number of other relatives and a host of friends will be saddened by his going. He was a devoted husband, a true friend, and a splendid citizen.
Unknown Publication, July 1945

Dan P. Small, who lived at Tuscumbia for many years, passed away at the St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Mo., Monday, July 23, 1945. Mr. Small had been ill a week and was taken to the hospital on Sunday. He was in his 78th year.

Mr. Small was born and reared in Princeton, Ind., moving to Tuscumbia when a young man with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Small. Dan and his family moved to Union almost thirty years ago.

He was a brother of Arthur E. and T.H. Small, both deceased, and an uncle to Mrs. Minnie Messersmith.

He is survived by one daughter, Gertie (Mrs. Sam Messex) of Union; two sons, Byron of Union and Sherman of Washington, Mo.; two granddaughters, Norma Lee Small of Union and Mrs. Edward Rau of Washington; and one brother, William Small of Tyler, Ark.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday at Union, conducted by Rev. R.A. Hutson, Baptist minister and Rev. E.E. Morrow, pastor of the Union Christian Church of which he was a faithful member. Burial was near St. Clair, Mo.

Unknown Publication, October 1943

T. H. Small, life long and prominent citizen of this vicinity, passed away at State Hospital No. 1, Fulton, Monday. Mr. Small was stricken two years ago with hardening of the arteries which affected his mind and he had been confined to the Fulton institution for medical care.

Thomas Hendricks Small, son of Archibald and Mary Ann Willis Small, was born September 27, 1876, in Princeton, Ind. He departed this life on October 11, 1943, at the age of 76 years and 14 days.

At the age of four years he came to Missouri with his parents and family and settled in the vicinity of Tuscumbia where he lived the remainder of his life. The deceased is survived by his faithful and loving companion, Mrs. Minta Goodrick Small, to whom he was united in marriage in 1906, and to which union six children were born, all of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Elmer (Nellie) Kleasner, Glasgow, Mo.; Mrs. Curtis (Mary) Barton, of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Wesley (Dorothy) Harbison, of Etterville; Mrs. R.W. (Faye) Kallenbach, of Bolivar; Kelly, of Tuscumbia; and Mrs. George (Glen) Harryman, of Kansas City. Also surviving are five sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law, eight grandchildren, and two brothers, Willis Small of Tyler, Ark., and Dan Small of Union, Mo.

Mr. Small united with the Church of Christ at Saline Valley early in life, later transferring his membership to the Tuscumbia Christian Church where he was a faithful worker as long as health permitted. One of the greatest joys of his life was in service to his church where he was for many years teacher of the young men’s class, an elder in the church and president of the church board. The membership of the church and Sunday school took cognizance of his very few absences during his many years of service and made special inquiry of his health.

In young manhood Mr. Small taught in the Miller County rural schools for 14 years and for 10 years he was employed by the Kansas City Public Service Co., as a street car conductor, but most of this time he continued to make Tuscumbia his home, where his family was reared in the highest Christian ideals and given every advantage to equip themselves for the best in life. After retiring from his employment in Kansas City he devoted his time to farming interests on his place just west of town.

He was a kind and loving husband and father and dearly loved his home. HE was a good neighbor and friend to all. A friend paid him his highest compliment even given any man when he said, “He is a Christian gentleman.” If anyone had aught against him it was never audibly uttered.

Funeral services were held from the Tuscumbia Christian Church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, conducted by his former pastor and friend, Rev. W.E. Waddell of Crocker. Interment
was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery with Phillips Funeral Service in charge. Song service at the funeral was in charge of T.C. Wright.

**Unknown Publication, November 1945**

*Mrs. Glee Duncan*, wife of Dr. Byron Duncan, of Festus, Mo., passed away at the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis last Saturday, Nov. 3rd, where she had been a patient for a week or more.

Glee (Casey) Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Casey, of near Iberia, was born at Iberia, Mo., Dec. 8, 1908. She departed this life at the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, Nov. 3, 1945.

In December 1933, she was united in marriage to Byron Duncan of Iberia, and in November 1944, she gave birth to a son, Joseph Monroe, who came to bless their home for a while, but in December he was taken away that he might bloom more beautifully in Heaven.

Glee received her education in Iberia Academy and Drury College in Springfield, Mo., and was at one time teacher in the Iberia High School. She was a member of the Iberia Baptist Church and also of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Just a year ago she helped to bury her dear sister, Mrs. Grethel Adams. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Byron Duncan; father and mother; one brother, Glenn Casey; one nephew and two little nieces.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Warren E. Burd of Moravia, Iowa, assisted by Rev. Glen Taylor, pastor of the Iberia Baptist Church, and Rev. Earl Brown pastor of the Iberia Congregational-Christian Church, were held from the Iberia High School auditorium Tuesday afternoon, with Eastern Star rites. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery under direction of the Adams & Casey Funeral Home.

**Unknown Publication, November 1945**

*William L. Farnham* was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1854, and passed away at St. Marys Hospital, Jefferson City, Missouri, Nov. 5, 1945, at the age of 81 years, nine months and eight days. He was the son of David Farnham and Henrietta Gable Farnham, who came to Missouri in the spring of 1866. The grandfather brought his family, consisting at the time of his wife and three sons, together with their belongings from Pittsburgh, Pa., by steamboat down the Ohio River to the Mississippi, then up the Missouri, to Jefferson City, and from that point by ox team to Iberia, Mo., and settled on the Farnham Homestead, north of Iberia, where the deceased lived all his life, and successfully operated his farm, continuously, from young manhood.

On January 22, 1886, he was married to Sarah Elizabeth Heltzell, who preceded him on May 8 1930, in Los Angeles, California, where they had gone for Mrs. Farnham’s health. To this union two children were born: Grace, now Mrs. Cliff H. Clark, and William L. Jr., both of Iberia. He leaves four grandchildren, Mrs. Helen Saxe, Kew Gardens, New York, Mrs. Mae Sponsel, St. Louis, Gene Farnham, Waynesville, Mo., and Don R. Farnham, now on the West Coast in the United States Army, and three great-grandchildren: Lila Lee Atwill and Jerry Atwill, both in Kew Gardens, N.Y., and Little Susie Farnham, in Waynesville, Mo. There were four brothers in the family: Charles W. who passed away in 1941, the deceased, and D.P. and Geo. I. who both live in Iberia.

Up to his last illness, Mr. Farnham has taken care of his farm and other interests with very good health. In 1892, he and his brother Charles W. began the furniture and lumber business, and later added general merchandise to their store in Iberia. In 1902 he purchased the interest of his brother and operated the business up to 1920, when he sold a half interest to his son, W.L. Farnham, Jr., and in 1943, sold his interest in the entire business at Iberia and Dixon, to W.L. Farnham, Jr., and his two grandsons, Gene and Don R. Farnham and since that time has devoted his entire attention to managing his farm and raising cattle.
He joined the Methodist Church when a young man, and later he and his wife became active and devoted members of the Congregational Church in Iberia.

For almost 50 years he has been a member of the board of trustees of Iberia Academy and Junior College. He was a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 5253, Iberia, and still holds his membership there.

Besides the immediate relatives, he leaves many relatives and friends who miss his kindly interest in them, folk that loved him for his thoughtfulness, neighbors with whom he associated and shared the good things of life. His was a life worth living.

Unknown Publication, January 1947

Ward B. Ferguson was born in Iberia, Mo. June 11, 1908. He passed away at his home in rocker, Mo., Monday morning January 6, 1947, at the age of 38 years 6 months and 26 days.

He was married to Miss Artie B. Barlow of Crocker, Mo., on Dec. 27, 1927 and to them was born one daughter, Miss Jean of the home. Besides his wife and daughter he is survived by his father, Harry Ferguson of Iberia, six brothers and four sisters, namely: Harold, Oral, Wayne and Mrs. Lorene Atwell, all of Los Angeles, Calif., Audrey, Hunter and Mrs. Mary Hammack of Iberia, Ellis of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Elma Armistead of House Springs, Mo., and Mrs. Lucille Fitzpatrick of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. His mother passed away a little over three years ago. He also leaves many friends and hosts of other relatives to mourn his passing. Ward had within him a big, kind heart—always willing to help his neighbors and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Adams Funeral Home Thursday, Jan. 9 at 2:30 o’clock with the Rev. A.O. Shearrer officiating. Two beautiful songs were given by Glenn Daugherty of Crocker, Mo. Pallbearers were: Chas. Adams, Arthur Griffin, Connie Decker, Guy Smith, Elbert Pemberton and Spurgeon Hammack. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery with Adams Funeral Home, Iberia, in charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication, Thursday, March 12, 1953

George Herbert Martin, 43, passed away Wednesday afternoon, March 4, at the Mt. Vernon Sanitarium, after undergoing a major operation. He entered the sanitarium last December. Although a serious operation was advised, death came unexpectedly. With him at the time of his death were his wife and daughter of Maplewood and Mr. and Mrs. John Heltzell of Iberia.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Martin of Iberia, he received his early training as a printer and Linotype operator in the Sentinel office at Iberia. At one time he was an operator for the Nordeman Printing Company in St. Louis and for the last ten years he was a Linotype operator on the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

December 1, 1933, he was married to Aline Straub of Pilot Grove, Mo. In 1936, while living in Winfield, Kansas, he became a member of the Catholic Church.

Requiem Mass was held Saturday morning, March 7, at nine o’clock at the S. Anthony Catholic Church near Iberia with Rev. John Hans officiating. Interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Iberia.

He is survived by his wife, Aline, and daughter, Connie, of Maplewood; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Martin of Iberia; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Heltzell of Iberia, and Mrs. Grace Wyrick of Webster Groves, Mo, and one brother, Glenn of Iberia.

Pallbearers were Hraold Campbell, Harold Sydow, D. Mehegan and John Gill of St. Louis, and Seigal Humphrey and Audrey Ferguson of Iberia. The pallbearers from St. Louis were members of the Typographical Union of which the deceased was also a member.

Unknown Publication, August 1951

Gail Hix, 52, prominent farmer of the Ulman community, was killed instantly last Friday, Aug. 24, when a tractor which he was driving overturned on him. The accident occurred
near noon time as he was removing dirt from the basement of a new home which had been started recently. Because of a slippery embankment, the tractor turned sideways as it was climbing the slope and overturned, pinning Mr. Hix underneath.

Jerry White, 13-year old nephew of Jack White of Iberia, was working with Mr. Hix when the accident happened. Jack White and Babe Patterson of Ulman who were working in a nearby ditch, rushed to the scene and summoned help to remove the tractor.

More than 500 people paid their respects at the funeral services held Sunday morning at 11:00 o’clock at the Ulman Baptist Church with the Rev. J. Merle Bandy officiating. Interment was made in the Hickory Point Cemetery, with the Hedges Funeral Service of Iberia in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were: Roy Williams, J.C. Bonnot, Johnny Mead, Roy McCubbins, Willard Humphrey, and Roy McDonald.

Gail R. Hix, son of Hartley and Dessie Hix, entered into rest at his home in the Ulman community Friday Morning, Aug. 24, 1951 as the result of an accident while working at the construction of a new home. On June 2, 1899, Gail was born in this same community and was one of a family of 8 children. His father preceded him in death in 1929.

He was reared in Miller County and attended rural schools and Iberia Academy. On Nov. 26, 1932, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Mace. This union was never blessed with any children. With the exception of a short time in Kansas City and Jefferson City, Marjorie and Gail lived in his old home community, having spent most of the time living in the old Hix home place.

As a young man, Gail became a Christian and united with the Ulman Baptist Church, where he had remained a faithful member since that time. For the past several years he has been very active in church work, having taught a Sunday school class.

He is survived by: his companion, his mother, Dessie Hix of Tuscumbia; two sisters, Edith Weksler of Springfield, Ohio and Elsie Barnes of Melvin, Ohio; 5 brothers, Herbert and Guy of Ulman, Mo., Byron and Bill of Tuscumbia, Mo., and John of Marion, Ohio; several uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and a large number of other relatives and friends.

Gail will long be remembered by all who knew him, as a good neighbor and a friend to his fellow man.

Unknown Publication, August 1971

**Miss Vertrilla Darlene Steen**, 25, of Iberia died Thursday Aug. 26, 1971, in St. Louis. Miss Steen was born May 12, 1946 in Iberia, the daughter of Kermit and Phyllis Lorene (Bond) Steen who survive.

Also surviving are one brother, Wayne Steen of Iberia; one sister, Mrs. Marilyn Brown of Jefferson City; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Grace Bond of Iberia and paternal grandparents, Frank and Ella Steen of Eldon.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia, with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Interment was in the Livingston Cemetery. Pallbearers were Paul Steen, Waldo Steen, Ed Hlsey, Carl Hancock, Jasper Hensley, and Wade Hancock, Jasper Hensley, and Wade Hensley.

Unknown Publication, May 1947

**Lawrence Alfred Wright**, publisher of the Cole County Enterprise and member of a prominent Miller County family, passed away at 5:30 o’clock Wednesday morning at his home in Eugene. He had been in failing health for some time and death was attributed to pneumonia which developed several days ago after he had been confined to his bed for the past week.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Friday afternoon at the Tuscumbia Christian Church of which Mr. Wright has been a member of the Board for many years. Rev. W.E. Waddell of Crocker, a former pastor of the church, will officiate and burial will be in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.
Mr. Wright was the son of J.P. and Carrie Minnie Wright. He was born in Tuscumbia February 18, 1886. In 1908 he was married to Ercell Carmen, who survives, along with their four children: Mrs. Dorothy Nichols of Winslow, Arizona; Mrs. Doris Clemens of Eugene; Gerald V. Wright of Lees Summit and Lloyd Alfred of the home, who is a student at the Missouri University School of Journalism. Survivors also include one brother, T.C. Wright of Tuscumbia, and seven grandchildren, Robert and Annette Clemens, Jerry Linn Wright and the four daughters of Mrs. Nichols.

Mr. Wright is well known for his newspaper efforts and was associated with Judge W.S. Stillwell for more than 20 years as publisher of the Miller County Autogram. He attended the local schools and at an early age became associated with his father, who published the “Western Preacher”, a Christian Church paper. After the Autogram was sold he bought a plant at Miller, Missouri, later leased a paper at Meta and then returned to Tuscumbia where he was made a cashier of the Bank of Tuscumbia. Ill health caused him to resign from the bank and the family moved to Arizona for his health. After convalescing, Mr. Wright missed the home folks and returned to Miller County.

After his return he did some writing for the Autogram and worked with Bill Zevely on the paper at Linn, and in November 1945 he started the Cole County Enterprise at Eugene, of which he was publisher at the time of his death.

Mr. Wright will be sadly missed by his many friends in Miller County and the Eugene Community. His kindly manner, his patience and his friendliness to all will long be remembered by all who knew him. Members of the Autogram Staff who worked with Mr. Wright in his newspaper activities regret the loss of so gracious a friend in our community.

Unknown Publication, December 1948

Frances Anna Stone died at her home in Los Angeles, California, December 5, 1948. She left surviving her, her husband, John U. Stone, and four children, Xenophen X., Basil B., Norma N. Gotts and Stilwell S. Stone, and four grandchildren, being the children of her daughter, Norma N. Gotts.

Mrs. Stone was born Frances Anna Whalen, near St. Elizabeth, Missouri, on January 30, 1881, being the daughter of Jerry and Elizabeth Whalen. In her very young childhood, the family moved to a farm just east of Iberia, where she with her other brothers and sisters, grew to womanhood.

She and John U. Stone were married at Rolla, Missouri, September 3, 1903, and resided for a number of years on a farm near Iberia where all of their children were born. They resided at Tuscumbia while Mr. Stone served a term as County Clerk of Miller County.

She removed with her family to Los Angeles, California in March 1923, where they have since made their home.

Mrs. Stone is survived by two brothers, John A. Whalen of Whittier, California, and George Whalen of Monrovia, California, and three sisters, Ella M. Koester of Cuba, Missouri, Minnie B. Wall and Clara M. Wakefield, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Stone united with the Methodist Church at Iberia when a very young girl and remained a consistent and active Christian throughout her life and was very active in her church until her death. (Submitted by her brother, John A. Whalen, Whittier, California.)

News Tribune, Saturday, January 5, 2008

Gaylord Strange, 94, Eldon, Mo., died January 4, 2008 at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. Survivors include: one son, Lewis Strange; two sisters, Flossie Callison and Lorraine Anderson; three brothers, Forrest Lee Strange, Glenn Strange, and Jerry Strange; two grandchildren, Tami Tucker and Rick Strange; and three great-grandchildren, Samantha Tucker, Kevin Tucker and Eric Tucker.
Visitation will be from 12-2:30 p.m. Sunday, January 6, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, January 6, 2008, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett, Mo.

Jefferson City News Tribune, unknown date

Ralph E. McCasland, 68, of 2304 Bluebird Dr., died this morning at Missouri Pacific Hospital, St. Louis. Mr. McCasland was born Nov. 23, 1906, in Eldon, the son of John and Pearl Harbison McCasland. On Oct. 11, 1947, he was married in Jefferson City to the former Ethel Marie Onger, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, a past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He was employed as an engineer for Missouri Pacific Railroad for 29 years.

Other survivors include one son, John G. McCasland, 36 West View Heights; and two sisters, Mrs. Opal Freeman, Jefferson City, and Miss Maxine McCasland, St. Louis.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Freeman Chapel with the Rev. G. Nelson Duke officiating. Burial will be in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens (Jefferson City).

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, January 10, 2008

Sherrill D. Wilson, 70, of Tusculumbia died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, in Camden County.

He was born May 1, 1937, in Miller County to Claude and Eula Casey Wilson. On June 21, 1958, he was married in Tusculumbia to Glenda Mae Clark, who survives at the home.

Mr. Wilson had worked for Apperson Construction and currently was employed with Apperson Utility contracting in Eldon. He also had worked for many years for the Miller County Sheriff’s Department as a deputy sheriff and also as a jailer. He was a country and bluegrass musician.

Also surviving are five children and their spouses, Joe and Terry Wilson of Rolla, David Wilson of Alexandria, Va., Judy and Don Stewart of Branson, Sherry and Mitch Comer of Linn Creek and Stacy and Chris Lawless of Tusculumbia; 10 grandchildren, Lane and Sarah Wilson, Tyler and Forrest Wilson, Trent, Jacob and Boomer Wilson, Sierra Comer and Hunter and Harlee Lawless; two great-grandchildren, Alyce Wilson and Landon Fultz; and six brothers and sisters, Harold Gene Wilson, Doris Cross, Phyllis Visser, Tony Wilson and Ronnie Wilson, all of Tusculumbia, and Connie Barber of Iberia.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with Bro. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Capps Cemetery near St. Elizabeth. Memorials may be made to the Sherrill Wilson Memorial Fund.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Brooksy Behrens, 91, of Eldon, died Friday, January 4, 2008, at Heisinger Bluffs in Jefferson City. She was married for 70 years to Raymond Behrens, who survives at Heisinger Bluffs. They were business partners in petroleum distribution, manufactured home sales, and land development in Eldon.

She and her husband were founding members of three area churches: Behtany Lutheran, Eldon, Hope Lutheran Chapel, Osage Beach, and Glaize Drive-In Worship Services (now Hope Chapel Drive-In Services). She sang in many church choirs and played piano at special occasions.

She served on the Saline Township Republican Committee for 18 years and also originated the Bagnell reunion.

Other survivors include: a daughter, Gloria Behrens Irwin and her husband Jim Irwin of Irvine, California; a granddaughter, Anne Irwin Sinek and her husband Jeffrey Sinek of Fullerton, California; a grandson, James Behrens Irwin and his wife Kathryn Hasty Irwin of Van Nuys, California; and three great-grandchildren: Veronica Irwin, Brooke Sinek and Alec Sinek.
Visitation will be from 12-1 p.m. Friday, January 11, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Eldon with services following at 1 p.m. The Rev. Peter Lange will officiate. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett, under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Memorials may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Chapel, or to the charity of the donor’s choice.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Marcy 1990

James Huddleston, 76, of Yakima, Wash., died Saturday, March 10, 1990 at his home. He was born Oct. 27, 1913 in Brumley to James and Amanda Huddleston. On Jan. 25, 1936, he was married in Nebraska to Helen Moe, who survives.

Mr. Huddleston was reared and educated in Missouri and later moved to Nebraska. About 1937 he and his wife moved to McCleary, Wash. and in 1940 they moved to Granger, Wash, where they lived until moving to Yakima in 1931. Mr. Huddleston was a member of the Mead Avenue Gospel Tabernacle.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister, Norma Woody of Rocky Ford, Colo. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held March 14 in Yakima. Burial was in Zillah Cemetery. The family suggested memorials be made to the Mead Avenue Gospel Tabernacle if desired.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursay, January 24, 2008

Robert Frank Maylee, age 76, of Eldon, died Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at his home. He was born Sept. 13, 1931, in Atchison, Kan., to Robert Bacon and Gertrude Olive Martin Maylee. On Nov. 24, 1955, he was married in Eldon to Marjorie R. McDonald, who survives at the home.

Mr. Maylee was a retired banker. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Eldon First Christian Church. He was graduated from Eldon High School and the Wisconsin School of Banking in Madison, Wis. He attended Warrensburg Teachers College, now the University of Central Missouri, the University of Missouri-Columbia and Lincoln University in Jefferson City. He served as a Boy Scout master and was a member of the Kiwanis and the Lake Ozark Rotary Club.

In Addition to his wife, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Eric and Rachel Mayleeof Monett; and two nephews and their wives, Mark E. and Cindy Vernon, of New Braunfels, Texas, and Joseph and Kim Vernon, of Eldon. A sister, Mary Vernon Fischer, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Walter Simpson, the Rev. Shirley Williams, the Rev. Dub Inlow and Chaplain Bart Larson officiating. Burial was in Eldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Eldon First Christian Church Building Fund.


Janetta Faye Silvey Shackleford Drace, 89, Versailles, passed away Friday, January 18, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center.

Survivors include one son, Dale Shackleford; four daughters, Ellen Elsea, Darlene Patterson, Willa Stafford, and Patty Forrest; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; one brother and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 21, 2008, at the First Assembly of God Church, Versailles. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 21, at the church. Interment will be in the West Lawn Addition of the Versailles Cemetery.
Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, August 1973

An eight-year-old Iberia boy was killed Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1973, when he fell off a flatbed truck and was run over. Miller County coroner Paul Yarger said Bobby Darrell Nixdorf, 8, Star Rte., Iberia, was killed when the rear wheels of the truck he was riding ran over him. He and his brothers were riding the truck through a field to go swimming when the fatal accident occurred.

He was born Dec. 4, 1964, in Iberia to Bobby E. and Rayma Jean (Sooter) Nixdorf. He would have entered the third grade Friday at Iberia R-V School. He attended the Mt. Zion Christian Church near Tuscumbia and sang with the Nixdorf Family Singers.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Brian, Michael and Marvin Nixdorf, all of the home; his paternal grandparents, Charles and Bertha Nixdorf of Iberia; and his maternal grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Mark Sooter, Eldon.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mt. Zion Christian Church with the Rev. Mr. Sooter and the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in the Livingston Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia. Pallbearers, all cousins, will be Tommy and Timothy Whitaker, Mark, Terry and Kenneth Varnell and Greg Sooter.

Jefferson City News Tribune, June, 2003

Larry Lou Bond, age 46 of Iberia, died Thursday, June 10, at his home. He was born in Iberia on May 12, 1958, a son of Bobbie Lou Bond and Lola Fae (Helton) Harlan.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, June 14, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia, MO.

Jefferson City News Tribune, April 2004

James Everett Cotten, Sr., age 57, of Tuscumbia, Mo., died April 3, 2004, in Tuscumbia, Mo. He was born November 3, 1946, to Everett Lyman Cotten & Lucille (Heldstab) Cotten. He was married to Ina H. (Burris) Cotton or 27 years.

Survivors include three daughters: Andrea Dial, Patricia Ewens and Lori Cotten; five sons: James E. Cotten Jr., Michael Cotten, Myron Cotten, Samuel Cotten and Geoffrey Cotten; 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Visitation will be from 4-08 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at the Phillips Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Caldwell officiating. Burial will be in the Tol Wood Cemetery, Eldon, Mo.

Jefferson City News Tribune, September 2004

Thelma Dean (James) Golden, age 84, of Eldon, Mo., died Saturday, September 11, 2004, in Jefferson City, Mo. She was born November 13, 1919, in High Point, Mo., to Clarence Justice James and Gladyis Alice (Collins) James.

She was married October 17, 1942, in Tuscumbia, Mo., to Elmer Earl Golden. He preceded her in death May 22, 1992. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was a homemaker who enjoyed quilting, gardening and cooking. She attended High Point Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons: Gary Golden of Eldon and Earl Golden of Eldon; two daughters: Darlene Jackson of Lebanon, Mo., and Linda Jackson of Phillipsburg, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; sisters & Brother-in-law: Lucille Brown of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Louise & Dorsey Bolin of Boonville, Mo.; nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Loretta Leffert of Eldon, Mo.
Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo., with the Rev. Elvin Bohannon officiating. Burial will be in High Point Cemetery, High Point, Mo. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army.

Jefferson City News Tribune, January 2004

Carl Edward Schubert, Sr., age 86 of Iberia, died January 30, 2004, at Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center in Kennett. On August 17, 1991, in Iberia, he was married to Florence O. Turrentine Maisel who survives at the home.

Other survivors include: two sons; one daughter; one brother; one sister; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, February 2, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Iberia Untied Methodist Church.

Jefferson City News Tribune, September 2004

Mary Lucille Yamry, age 90, of Eldon, Mo., died Thursday, September 23, 2004. Survivors include: one son & daughter-in-law, James & Mary Yamry of Eldon; grandchildren & their spouses, Robert Yamry, Misty Johnson & Stewart of Charleston, South Carolina, Becky Martin & Steve of Tusculumbia, Virgil West & Michelle of Eldon, Chris Visser & Wayne of Tusculumbia, Jim Yamry & Mary Ann Yamry of the home; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother; two sisters.

Visitatio will be from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26 at the Phillips Funeral Home. A prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will be Monday, September 27 at 10 a.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home. Burial will take place at the Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Mo. at a later date.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Sunday, July 4, 2004

Pauline Cotten, 86, Eldon, died July 2, 2004, at Jefferson City. She was a homemaker and member of Main Street Baptist Church, California.

Survivors include: nine sons, Edgar Cotten, Jr., Centertown, Richard Cotten and Johnny Cotten, both of Russellville, Robert Cotten, Larry Cotten, Basil Cotten, Ralph Cotten, Lonnie Cotten and Charles Cotten, all of Eldon; one daughter, Louise Ammala, Hermitage; 34 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, with the Rev. Danny Graham officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Springs Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Dorsey E. Rowan of Seattle, Washington, formerly of Meta and Jefferson City, Mo. died on Saturday June 26, 2004, in Seattle, Wash. He was born November 29, 1914, in Meta, Mo, the son of Nathan J. Rowan and Meta Schriefer Rowan. He was employed by the Atomic Energy Commission and subsequently contractors at the Hanford Nuclear Plant in Richland, Wash.

He is survived by his son Dorsey E. Rowan Jr. of Seattle, Wash., one brother, W. Barry Rowan of Jefferson City, Mo., three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A daughter, Carol Ann Phillips preceded him in death. Funeral arrangements will be at a later date with burial to be at the Meta Southside Cemetery.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Friday, July 23, 2004

Ruby M. Buschjost, 80, of Mary’s Home, Mo., died Thursday, July 22, 2004, in Jefferson City, Mo. She was born October 3, 1923 in Mary’s Home, Mo., to August and Lena
Kurtz) Schulte. On May 29, 1946, she was married to A.H. “Tony” Buschjost, who preceded her in death on September 21, 1993.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church of Mary’s Home, Our Lady of the Snows Altar Sodality, Quilting Group, and the Mary’s Home Senior Citizens Group.

Survivors include: three daughters and sons-in-law, Betty & Glenn Pound of Mary’s Home, Linda Kuenzie of Rolla, and Ruthie & Bob Wright of Tuiscumbia; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie & Donna Buschjost of Belle, and Anthony “Tony” & Ruth Buschjost of Taos; eight grandchildren; two step grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mildred Boessen of Wardsville.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, eight brothers, and one sister.

Visitation will be held at the Phillips funeral Home in Mary’s Home on Friday, July 23, from 3-8 p.m. with the rosary being prayed at 3:30 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, July 24 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home at 10 a.m. with Rev. Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Burial will take place in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Mary’s Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church or St. Joseph’s Home for the Aged.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, April 2004

**Herman Andrew Hagenhoff**, age 63 of St. Elizabeth, died April 3, 2004, at his home.

He was born in St. Elizabeth on June 27, 1940, a son of Adolph and Elizabeth (Bax) Hagenhoff. On June 21, 1969, in Jefferson City, he was married to Carol Colvin, who survives at the home.

He was a lifelong farmer in St. Elizabeth and also worked for Langenberg Hat Factory in St. Elizabeth for over 40 years. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

Other survivors include: one brother, Roman Hagenhoff of Taos; three sisters, Barbara Marie Horst-daniel of Jefferson City, Mary Ann Siebeneck of Osage Bend, and Veronica Holtmeyer of St. Anthony; and nieces and nephews. A son, Daniel Andrew Hagenhoff, and a brother, Andrew Hagenhoff, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. The Rev. M. Christopher Smith will officiate. Interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at the St. Elizabeth Community Center with a Rosary at 7 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Friday, August 6, 2004

**Ruth Brooks Thomas**, age 95, of Iberia, died Wednesday, August 4, 2004, at Lake Regional Hospital (Osage Beach). She was born in Eldon on September 1, 1908, a daughter of John and Nancy (Jobe) Watt. On March 22, 1929, in Miller County, she was married to Ralph Waldo Thomas, who preceded her in death on September 23, 1984.

She owned and operated the general store in Benton for 30 years and was a rural school teacher at Barton and Etterville Schools. She was initiated in the Order of the Eastern Star #210. She received her 50 year pin in 2001 and has been a member of the Rebecca Lodge #324 since December 4, 1979. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include: four sons, John Paul Thomas of Pasco, Washington, James Ray Thomas of Brumley, Ralph Lowell Thomas of Ulman, and Wayne Thomas of Lake Ozark; one sister, Louise Allen of Lake Ozark; 20 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 7, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens near
Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Iberia Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star Building Fund.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Wednesday, December 1, 2004

**Olivia Rose Berendzen**, age 97, of Mary’s Home, Mo., passed away Monday, November 29, 2004, in Jefferson City, Mo. She was born September 9, 1907, in Mary’s Home to John and Mary (Massman) Tellman.

She was married on May 10, 1927, in Mary’s Home to George Herman Berendzen, who preceded her in death on August 7, 1973.

Survivors include: two sons, Harry Berendzen of Albuquerque, N.M., and Bob Berendzen of Manchester, Mo.; two daughters, Mary Berendzen of Mary’s Home, and Susan Atkison of Jefferson City; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ann Fleming of Bedford, Texas.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 2, from 2-8 p.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home, Mary’s Home. The Rosary will be prayed at 3 p.m. and a prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 3 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary’s Home, with Rev. Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Burial will take place at Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Mary’s Home. Memorials are suggested to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary’s Home.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Friday, December 3, 2004

**Lucy M. Luttrell**, age 70 of Brumley, died Wednesday, December 1, 2004. She was born on May 20, 1934, to Samuel & Jennie Allen. She was married to John William Luttrell, who preceded her in death on September 14, 1990.

Survivors include: two sons, Jim Luttrell, Scotty Luttrell, both of Brumley; three daughters, Karen Lahey, Lebanon, Jennie Gahagan, Eldon & Daisy Irwin, Kaiser; eight grandchildren; five sisters; five great-grandchildren. One brother and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia, Rev. Charles Caldwell officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Monday, December 6, 2004

**Stella G. Merrick**, 90, of Eldon, died Sunday, December 5, in Jefferson City, Mo. She was born January 11, 1914 in Henley, Mo., the daughter of Abraham and Dora Hoskins Campbell.

She was married to Bob Cunningham, then to Ted Merrick, both preceded her in death. One son, Billy Lee Campbell, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo., December 7, from 1-2 p.m. followed by the funeral service. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Eldon, Mo.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Wednesday, December 8, 2004

**John Ray Cross Sr.**, 65, of Iberia, died Monday, December 5, 2004, at his residence. Survivors include: his wife, Cora (Wolverton) Cross, of the home; one son, John R. Cross II, State of Oregon; two daughters, Connie Cross and Rhonda Cross, both of St. Louis; one brother, Dave Cross, St. Louis; two sisters, Linda Walsch, Westphalia, and Rosalee Friend, Richwoods; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, in the Vienna Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday,
December 9, in the Vienna Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. Interment will be in the Waidelich Cemetery, Vienna.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Tuesday, August 3, 2004

Amanda I. Ollison, age 91, of Eldon, Mo., died Saturday, July 31, 2004, in Eldon, Mo. She was born March 16, 1913, to Albert and Violenia Elmore. She was married July 14, 1928, in Climax Springs, Mo. to John Alfred Ollison.

She is survived by one son: Lewis E. Ollison and wife Vicki of Eldon, Mo.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 pm. Saturday, August 7, at the Drennon Chapel, Climax Springs, Mo. Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm. Saturday, August 7 at the DRennon Chapel in Climax Springs, Mo., with Rev. Dwin Ollison officiating. Burial in Climax Springs Cemetery, Climax Springs, Mo. Arrangements are under direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo.

Stella L. Manes, age 91, of Dixon, died August 1, 2004, at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born September 9, 1912, in Maries County, a daughter of Walter and Margaret Blackwell. She was married to Floyd William Manes, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law: Wanda Lee Cox and Viola and Wilbur Jones, all of Dixon; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, August 3 and from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday in the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. Interment in the Kenner Cemetery, Dixon.

Nevada Daily Mail, Wednesday, July 18, 2007

Hazel Dell Dawson, 91, Lake Ozark, MO., passed away on July 16, 2007, at Lake Ozark Retirement Center following a recent illness. She was born Sept. 25, 1915, near Warrensburg, Mo., the daughter of Luther Wade Dawson and Stella Mary Dawson.

Miss Dawson earned her bachelor's degree in education from Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg. She taught school in Kansas City, MO., school district for many years, retiring from there at age 65. She remained in Kansas City until December 2002, when she moved to Lake Ozark, Mo., to be near her niece and caregiver. She grew up in the Rinehart Christian Church and was a member of the Community Christian Church of Kansas City while living there.

She is survived by one brother, Roy Dawson, Horton, Mo.; niece, Shirley Wade Hirner, Lake Ozark, Mo., also other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Carpenter and Thelma Wade.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Friday, July 20, at Richland Cemetery with pastor David Rorabaugh officiating. Friends may call now and until 11 a.m., on Friday and the family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m., on Friday, July 20 at Ferry Funeral Home, Nevada.

Unknown Publication, October 1973

Fred D. Whitlock, 81, of 102 Loch Lane, Columbia, died at 3:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, 1973, at Boone County Hospital, Columbia, after a short illness. Mr. Whitlock, a retired rural mail carrier in Miller County, had been in the real estate business in Columbia the past 13 years.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at Memorial Funeral Home, Columbia, and graveside services at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Eldon Cemetery.

Mr. Whitlock was born in Cabool July 24, 1892, the son of the late William and Minerva (Harrider) Whitlock. He was married in 1913 to Margaret Mobley who died in 1927. He was later married to Felva Bowers who preceded him in death in 1946.
Mr. Whitlock was employed by the Postal Department as a rural mail carrier in Iberia and Eldon until his retirement in 1952. He moved to Columbia in 1960 and was employed by Murrell Wilson Real Estate Co., as a salesman. He later established the Chiefton Real Estate Co., in which he was active until his death.

He was a 50-year member of Ionia Lodge 381, AF &AM, of Eldon, and for many years was director of the Missouri Rural Letter Carriers Band. During his residence in Eldon, he was active in the Eldon Methodist Church of which he was a member. He was also a member of the Columbia Board of Realtors, the state and national associations of Realtors, and the Institute of Farm and Land Brokers.

Mr. Whitlock is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Warren D. Brown of St. Louis; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Smith of Saldotna, Alaska; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A son, Dr. Gerald Whitlock, died in 1970.

Dr. Arthur Fulbright will officiate at the services in Columbia, and the Rev. Tom Adams at the graveside services at Eldon. Masonic services will be conducted at the graveside by Ionia Lodge 381. Local arrangements are under the direction of Griswold-Kays Funeral Home of Eldon.

Jefferson City News Tribune, November 1951

Donnan Ross Harrison, 64, president of the Citizens Bank of Eldon and prominent in state banking circles, died last Thursday morning at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City of heart disease. He had been in ill health for over 2 years and he suffered a heart attack Oct. 2 at his home in the capital.

Mr. Harrison was born here Oct. 6, 1887, the son of William and Nannie Harrison. He attended schools here and graduated from Westminster College, Fulton. He was a veteran of World War I.

He was prominent in Republican Party activities in the state and first held an appointment from 1919 to 1926 as an examiner for the state finance department. In 1929 he was appointed state finance commissioner by Gov. Caulfield, serving four years, and held the same position under Gov. Donnell’s administration, 1941-1945.

He was married to Miss Olive Stratton Sept. 17, 1924. Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons: Donnan Harrison, assistant cashier of Citizens State Bank in Eldon; Stratton Harrison, medical student at Philadelphia, Pa.; and Phillip of the home.

Besides serving as a state officer at various times, he held the following positions: in 1926 he went to Marshall, Mo. to serve as vice-president of the Bank of Saline County; president of the Missouri Bank and Trust Co., Kansas City; and at the time of his death was vice-president of the United Bank and Trust Co., St. Louis.

Cremation followed funeral services at Jefferson City, Saturday, Nov. 3, Rev. W.T. Gribble of the First Christian Church officiating.

Unknown Publication, July 1978

Louis D. Phillips, 71 of 5 S. Oak St., Eldon, died Friday, July 14, 1978 at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colo. Mr. Phillips became ill three weeks ago while vacationing in Colorado and had been hospitalized since.

He was born Sept. 10, 1906, at Eldon to W.A. and Esther Slanker Phillips. July 22, 1933, he was married at Eldon to the former Helen Fendorf, who survives.

Mr. Phillips was a member of the Eldon First Christian Church, Ionia Lodge 381, AF & AM, was a charter member of the Eldon Lions Club, Eldon IOOF Lodge 462, Missouri Funeral Directors Assn., National Funeral Directors Assn. and National Selected Morticians. He was a graduate of Eldon High School and a 1932 graduate of Williams Institute of Embalming. He joined Philips Funeral Home in Eldon in 1933.
In addition to his wife, Mr. Phillips is survived by two sons, Don E. Phillips, Eldon, and William A. Phillips, St. Paul, Minn; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Edna Grace and Miss Louise Phillips.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Philips Funeral Home with the Rev. O.D. Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, January 24, 2008

Mary Oma Pauk, 93, of Marthasville died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at St. John’s Mercy Hospital in Washington, Mo. She was born March 21, 1914, in Miller County to James W. and Frona C. Stark Pierce. On Jan. 13, 1937, she was married in Tuscumbia to Fred E. Pauk, who died Dec. 23, 1992.

Mrs. Pauk was a member of the Warrenton Church of Christ in Warrenton.

Surviving are a son and his friend, Stephen Pauk and Margaret Ann of Marthasville; a brother, Joe Pierce of Independence; a sister, Elsie Ekstam of Eugene; four grandchildren and spouses, Kimberly and Charles LaBelle and Greg and Tammy Duepmann, all of Marthasville, Stacey and Jerry Rowen of Ironton and Carrie Duepmann and friend Mark of High Ridge; and six great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mary Duepmann, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Lichtenberg-Martin Chapel with Dalton Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel’s United Church of Christ Cemetery in Holstein. Memorials may be made to the Warrenton Church of Christ, c/o Martin Funeral Home, 510 E. Main St., Warrenton, MO 63383.

Jessie Lee Hanks, 88, of Lake Ozark died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at the Miller County Nursing Home near Tuscumbia. She was born July 26, 1919, in Fair Grove to Harry and Parthenia Thombserry Ballenger. On May 3, 1946, she was married in Linn Creek to Roscoe Harold Hanks, who died Sept. 18, 2000.

Mrs. Hanks owned and operated The Basket Shop in Lake Ozark for more than 70 years. She and her husband owned and operated Hanks Asphalt and Paving and Hanks Realty and Insurance. She was a lifelong resident of Lake Ozark and was a member of Bagnell Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lee and Nancy Hanks and Lynn Hanks, all of Lake Ozark; three grandchildren, Brian Hanks of Dallas, Texas, Mandy Hanks of Overland Park, Kan., and Kelly Sai Sai of Ozark; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 19 at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach. Memorials may be made to Lake Ozark Area Health/Hospice, 101 12th St., Crocker, MO 63452.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, January 31, 2008

Mae Evelyn Musick died Jan. 21, 2008, in Modesto, Calif., surrounded by family. She was born May 20, 1919, in Mississippi County, Missouri, near Charleston, to Eugene D. and Maddie P. Brumley. In 1938, she was married to Claude “Shorty” Musick and they lived in and around Miller County for many years. They moved to Oakdale, Calif, in 1952.

Surviving are her sons, Claude (Jack) Musick, Mike Musick of Oakdale, Calif., Bob Musick of Santa Maria, Calif., and John Musick of Don Pedro, Calif., and a daughter, Margaret Willkeson of Modesto, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Donald Eugene and David E. Musick. Remembrances may be sent to the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Tuscumbia.
Mrs. Grace Allee, 82 years of age, of Grand Junction, Colorado, died on May 2, 1968 after a short illness. She was born June 29, 1885. She was the widow of Rea H. Allee whose death was in 1959. He was a son of the late Dr. W.S. Allee of Olean, Mo.

The services for Mrs. Allee were held Sunday May 5th at Aurora, Colorado, her former home.

Mrs. Maud Franklin Allee, wife of Dr. Warren Logan Allee, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James S. Franklin, died at her home in Eldon Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 16, after a lingering illness. She was born in Bagnell, Jan. 30, 1885, but moved to Eldon in early childhood when her father, J.S. Franklin and her uncle, R.S. Harvey, established the Harvey Mercantile Store.

Mrs. Allee attended Eldon public schools before entering Christian College at Columbia where she graduated with the class of 1903. She was married to Dr. William Logan Allee, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. William S. Allee of Olean. Dr. W.S. Allee served in the Missouri Senate for three terms.

Mrs. Allee, a resident of Eldon for the past 68 years, showed a civic-minded spirit by actively participating in local clubs and activities including her church, public library, Red Cross, Euterpean Club, PEO, Eastern Star, and Business and Professional Women’s Club.

She served as State Nursing Chairman of the Missouri Federation of Women’s Clubs, State Chairman of the Phoebe J. Ess scholarship and as state treasurer for three years.

She was president of the Women’s Auxiliary to the Missouri State Medical Association in 1947-48, and served as State Chairman on the Board of the Auxiliary in other years.

She was a member of the national Parliamentarian Association and filled the capacity of parliamentarian at a convention of the Women’s Auxiliary to the Missouri Medical Association as well as for a PEO State Convention.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Warren Logan Allee, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Allee of Columbia, and their two children, Galt and Sidney Elizabeth; a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Hinz, and daughter, Nell Franklin of Leavenworth, Kan.; three sisters, Mrs. Lynn Gearheart, St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. Ellen Cuthbertson, Ithaca, N.Y., and Mrs. Otis E. Burris of Ponca City, Okla.

Her only brother, William T. Franklin, preceded her in death during World War I at Camp Pike, Ark. in 1918.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Christian Church where Mrs. Allee was a member, by the Rev. Clark Sanner, pastor, assisted by the Rev. A.L. Alexander.

Logan Henry Allee, 55. Mr. Allee died Thursday, April 22, 1971, in a Los Angeles hospital following open heart surgery. A son of the late Rea H. and Lena (Stewart) Allee, he was born Aug. 28, 1915, in Kansas City.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Demova Allee of Lancaster, Calif.; two sons, William Allee, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Thomas Allee, Denver, Colo.; three brothers, Dick Allee, Las Vegas, Nev., Herbert Allee, Kansas City, and Stewart Allee, Tulsa, Okla.; and one granddaughter, Tammy Sue Allee.

He was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Priest Allee, Olean, and Mrs. Lenora Stewart, St. Louis. Mr. Allee lived at Eldon for a time and attended school here. He entered the United States Navy in 1942 and was discharged in October of 1945. On Nov. 4, 1957, he married the former Demova Provance in St. Louis.
At the time of his death he was employed as a mechanic at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. He had resided in Lancaster for the past three years. The Rev. John Tigner, pastor of the Central Christian Church, Lancaster, officiated at the funeral services. Burial was at sea.

Unknown Publication, October 12, 1916

Dr. William S. Allee, state senator from the Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, operated on Saturday for intestinal obstruction, died late last night at the Wesley Hospital. Dr. Allee was born in Moniteau County, Missouri, January 20, 1852.

He received his early education in the common schools of that county and at the University of Missouri, later taking a course in medicine at the Rush Medical College of Chicago, and at the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, since which time he had engaged in the practice of his profession.

He had been president of the Miller County Exchange Bank for twenty-four years and was ex-president of the Missouri State Medical Association. In 1875 he married Miss Laura C. Huston of St. Louis. He resided at Olean.

Doctor Allee was a member of the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth General Assemblies. In the Forty-eighth General Assembly he served as chairman of the committee on railroads and internal improvements and as a member of the committees on penitentiary and reform schools, ways and means, new capitol, constitutional amendments and permanent seat of government, eleemosynary institutions and public health, privileges, elections and redistricting, banks and banking and clerical force.

Dr. Allee is survived by his wife and four sons, Dr. Dale Allee, Dr. Logan Allee of Lamar, Mo., R.H. Allee, 4317 West Forty-seventh Street, and Priest Allee. The body will be taken to Olean today for burial.

The Lake Sun Leader, 5 Feb 2008

Samuel 'Nathan' Phillips, 79, of Osage Beach, Mo., peacefully went to be with the Lord Feb. 3 at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 5, 1928, near Linn Creek, Mo., to Samuel and Prudie (Robinett) Phillips. He graduated from Brumley High School, where he met his loving wife of 59 years, Peggy Thornsberry.

He was a member of the Christian Church and proudly served our country in the Army. He retired from General Motors with 32 years of service. He lived in the same home in Kansas City North for 46 years. He enjoyed raising cattle, gardening, hunting with his sons and grandsons, swapping and shopping and collecting.

He took great pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He and his wife Peggy moved to Ozark Meadows four years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughters, Judy Kirby and Jayne and husband Mark Calvert of Kansas City; son, Jonathan and wife, Cindy, of Pickerington, Ohio; son, Jeffrey and wife, Mary Lynn, of The Woodlands, Texas; six grandsons and five granddaughters; his sister, C. May Phillips of Osage Beach; and sister, Thelma Byrd of Eldon, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, John Nathan; and sister, Mamie Winfrey.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach. Visitation will be at 1 p.m., until service time with burial following at Hawkins Cemetery. The family wishes to thank Dr. Samuel Brayfield and the Lake Regional Hospital staff for their excellent and compassionate care. Memorial donations may be made in his name to Lake Regional Hospital, 54 Hospital Drive, Osage Beach, MO, 65065.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, February 14, 2008

Donna L. Dake, 67, of Iberia died Sunday Feb. 10, 2008 at Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center at Tuscumbia. She was a member of Faith Tabernacle church in Iberia.
Surviving her are five brothers, Myrel Dake of Iberia, Robert Dake of Jefferson City, Floyd Dake of Climax Springs, Darrell Dake of Stover and Richie Dake of Hickory Hill; and five sisters, Bonnie Pendleton, Pauline Humphrey and Beverly Pendleton, all of Iberia, Barb McDaniel of Holts Summit and Becky Stoll of Eldon.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Larry Neal and the Rev. Monte Roark officiating. Burial was in Dake Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Donna Dake Memorial Fund.

Unknown Publication, March 1950

Brief funeral services will be held at the Gilbert Chapel in Dixon Friday afternoon at 1:00 o’clock for L.C. Crismon, who passed away suddenly early Wednesday morning at his home northwest of Dixon, following a heart attack. Services will also be held at Union Church at 2:30 with interment to be made in the church cemetery.

Clergy Lafayette Crismon, son of the late Mark and Mary (Woods) Crismon, was born in Maries County, Missouri, March 18, 1874, and at the time of his death he had attained the age of 76 years and 3 days.

On March 13, 1899, he united in marriage with Daisy Wilson, and to this union nine children were born, all of whom survive. They are: Herman O. Crismon of Dixon, Genova Courson of Dixon, Meda Wagner of Sappington, Mo., Mina Jones and Ethel Jones of Dixon, Woodrow Crismon of Dixon, Nora Cooper of Creve Coeur, Mo., Ruby Hollis and Velma Hamilton of Dixon. He also leaves eighteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Crismon united with the Christian New Light Church many years ago later changing his membership to the Church of God. He had been a faithful member of his church, giving much of his time to his church and Master.

He was a prominent and successful farmer, specializing in raising livestock and was known to be an authority in that particular part of his farming.

He was a director in The State Bank of Dixon for many years, and gave much of his time to the interests of the bank. Only recently he played an important part in bringing our shoe factory to this community and was also one of the people instrumental in making it possible for us to have the cheese factory that is in a process of being built.

He owned quite a bit of property in Dixon and was well known in this section. He will be missed by his family and business associates.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008


Mr. Wickham was a member of the Aurora Springs Baptist Church. He had worked in maintenance at Lakewood Condominiums.

Also surviving him are a daughter, Laurinda Rayhart of Eldon; two sons, Kim O. Wickham of Eldon and David D. Wickham of Fulton; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Elfreda Medley of Columbus, GA; and a brother, Wayne Wickham of Eldon. A son, Roger Alton Wickham, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with Pastor John Dearing officiating. Burial was in Eldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.
Jim Hendricks, 72, of Eldon, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at Eldon. HE was born Sept. 29, 1935, in Brumley to Ivy Glen and Ruby Eula McClain Hendricks. On June 7, 1958, he was married to Shirley Parkhurst who survives at the home.

Mr. Hendricks was employed with and retired from the Missouri State Highway Department after 37 years of service. He also farmed. He attended the Old Path Baptist Church of Eldon.

Also surviving him are four sons and their wives, Mark and Bonnie Hendricks, Frank and DeNell Hendricks and Roger and Michelle Hendricks, all of Eldon, and Jimmy and Kara Hendricks of Bourbon; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn McMillin of Kansas City.

Visitatio will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Cellis Crum officiating. Burial will be in Dooley Cemetery near Eldon. Memorials may be made to the Eldon Senior Center.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, February 28, 2008

Gerald D. Wood, 70, Tuscumbia, died Monday, February 25, 2008, at Miller County Care and Rehab in Tuscumbia. He was born August 31, 1937, the son of Ralph E. and Gertie O. (Vaughan) Wood. He was married to Eunice Sooter Wood, who preceded him in death. Mr. Wood worked in a shoe factory.

Survivors include: two sons, Randy Wood and Greg Wood; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Wayne Wood, Vincel Wood and Ralph Wood. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two brothers.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, February 28, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will immediately follow with the Rev. Bob Hoskins officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon. Memorials may be made to the nursing home.


Mrs. Young was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon and the Altar Society.

Survivors include: two daughters and sons-in-law, Dona Mareena and Benjamin Rook of Valrico, Fla., and Laslee J. and Donald Vernon of Eldon; one son, Terry D. Young of Hannibal; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A son, Kerry R. Young, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 28, at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 28, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Eldon. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens. Barnett. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Unknown Publication, December 1923

MRS. C. J. SMITH DIES AT AGE OF 80 YEARS DECEASED WAS BORN IN MILLER COUNTY OCTOBER 27TH 1843

Mrs. C. J. Smith passed away at her home in the Flatwoods country, four miles west of Tuscumbia, Monday afternoon (17 December, 1923), following a protracted illness. She was one of the county’s oldest and most honored and respected women, being 80 years old at the time of her death.

She was born in Miller county October 27, 1843, her maiden name being Miss Nancy Elizabeth Burks. In February, 1865, she was united in marriage to C. J. Smith, who survives her. She is also survived by one son, Robert L. Smith, with whom the parents made their home. She
is also survived by two brothers—Ed Burks of Crocker and Jesse Burks of Ulman. Two sisters—Polly (Mrs. Sim Casey) and Parthena (Mrs. T. B. Robinson), have been dead a number of years. Three brothers—Willis, John and William, who lived to be old men, are also deceased.

Mrs. Smith united with the Christian church at Tuscumbia November 22, 1923, while Eld. Edmund at Wiles was holding a meeting here. She made confession at her home.

Arrangements are being made to hold funeral services at the home Wednesday morning at 10 o’clock, the services to be conducted by Eld. Scott of Eldon. Burial is to be made at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery where the family has a vault.

She is the daughter of Allen Willis and Temperance Roberts Burks.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, March 6, 2008

George W. Graham, 85, of Ulman died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born Nov. 6, 1922, in Brumley to Ray and Ethel Blew Graham. On April 7, 1947, he was married in Olathe, Kan., to Lora Mae McDowell, who survives at the home.

Mr. Graham was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member and deacon of the Ulman Baptist Church.

Also surviving him are three children and two daughters-in-law, Danny and Judy Graham and Denis and Frances Graham, all of Ulman, and Judy Armstrong of Columbia; six grandchildren, Dana Robinett, Andrea Burks, Elizabeth Bax, Shayna Knipp, Denis W. Graham and Tabatha Bell; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Clarence Graham of Eldon; and four sisters, Mildred Alieksaites and Marilyn Carico of Ulman, Norma Jean Ahart of Tuscumbia and Kathryn Humphrey of Brumley.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Ulman Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Kessler and the Rev. Kevin Blackburn officiating. Burial with military honors was in Gott Cemetery near Ulman under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Ellsworth Bailey, 73, of Eugene died Sunday, March 2, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born June 20, 1934, in St. Anthony to Alvis and Velma Clark Bailey. Mr. Bailey was baptized at Brays Advent Christian Church near Iberia.

Surviving him are two sons and their wives, Danny and Susan Bailey of Sedalia and Donny and Traci Bailey of Richland; a daughter and husband, Tammy Joliene and Raymond Jones of Brumley; eight grandchildren, Jacob and Jeremia Bailey, Lacy Collins, James Cristin and Kinsey Bailey, Chelsey and Chad Burton; a great-granddaughter, Bailey Elisabeth Collins; and four sisters, Wilma Dean Helton, Velma Jean Nicholson, Mathiel Alexander and Annette Dake.

Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Jerry Hale officiating. Burial will be in Jarrett Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Ellis Bailey Memorial Fund.


She and her husband retired from farming and moved to Iberia where she helped at the Iberia Friendship Hall and was an Avon representative for several years. She was a member of the Iberia First Christian Church.

Surviving are three sisters-in-law, Elva Steen of Eldon and Phyllis and Lucille Steen of Iberia, and many nieces and nephews. All of her siblings, Waldo, John, Holmes, Kermit and Paul Steen and Vergie Smith, preceded her in death.
Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday with services immediately following at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. The Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Williams Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to Williams Cemetery.

**Carl D. Van Hooser**, 96, of Canby, Oregon, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at a local hospital. He was born June 16, 1911, in Aurora Springs. He and his family lived in various areas of Missouri and Kansas during his childhood. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force in the South Pacific Theater. He was a barber all of his life and was a longtime member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

He moved to Oregon in 1967 and lived in Eugene, Oregon, for six years, Yachats, Oregon for 14 years, and Yuma, Ariz. for 14 years. He moved to Canby, Oregon, three years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Treva Van Hooser of Canby, whom he married Feb. 26, 1968; a son, Dennis Van Hooser of Eldon; a daughter, Sara Dunstan of Eldon; a stepdaughter, Patricia Carlson of Oregon City, Oregon; a stepson, Thomas Alexander of Eugene, Oregon; two brothers, Wallace Van Hooser of Nampa, Idaho, and Howard Van Hooser of Yuma, Ariz.; a sister, Goldie Beard of Oak Harbor, Wash.; four grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ila Van Hooser.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Canby Funeral Chapel. Entombment was in Springfield Memorial Gardens in Springfield, Oregon.


Those who survive him are three children and spouses, Jeff and Kris Brockes of Rolla, Tim Brockes of St. Clair and Halona and Mike Overby of Iberia; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; his twin sister, Edith “Tiny” Duthridge of Ohio; and a brother, Roger Brockes of Cook Station.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Stan Way officiating. Burial was in Bethany Cemetery near Crocker. Memorials may be made to the Tuffy Brockes Memorial Fund.

**Jefferson City News Tribune, Thursday, March 6, 2008**

**Marvin Ray Slote**, 57, of Jefferson City died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at his home. He was born July 4, 1950, in Tuscumbia, a son of Alfred Ray and Eunice Mae Johnson Slote.

He was a graduate of Cole RV High School in Eugene, and attended Lincoln University and the University of Missouri – Columbia. On October 18, 1975, he was united in marriage at Spring Garden to Judith Ann Johnson, who survives at the home.

Marvin served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1970 to 19973. He worked for Doolittle Trailer Manufacturing for the past 16 years and had worked for the Missouri Department of Corrections for 12 years and for Lincoln University Public Safety.

He attended Solid Rock Family Church. He enjoyed reading, fishing, playing softball, and was an excellent cook. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Other survivors include: one son, Ray William Eugene Slote and wife Cari of Jefferson City; five brothers, Jerry Slote of Eugene, Ronnie Slote of Eldon, Robert Slote of Fulton, Dale Slote of Jefferson City, Michael Slote of Wardsville; two sisters, Trendia Twehus of St. Elizabeth, Rhonda Moses of St. Martins; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sahwnda Slote on June 7, 2005.
Friends will be received from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, and from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 m. Friday, March 7, 2008 at the Solid Rock Family Church.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2008 at the Solid Rock Family Church with Rev. Joe Skiles officiating. Interment will follow in Riverview Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family of Marvin Slote. Arrangements are under the direction of Houser-Millard Funeral Directors.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, March 13, 2008

Word has been received that Ruby Dean Smith, 78, of Ceres, CA died Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at her home, surrounded by loving family. She was born on August 3, 1929, in Iberia, MO, to William Carroll and Gertrude (Patterson) Brumley, who both preceded her in death.

She moved to Ceres with her parents and sisters in 1942. The home Ruby died in was originally purchased and owned by her parents and Ruby purchased it many years later. She attended school in Ceres and graduated from Cres High School in 1947.

Ruby was loved by everyone who met her. She loved life and was totally devoted to her children, grandchildren and family. She loved to quilt and sew and was known for her gift of crafts. Her booth at the Ceres Street Faire was a popular stopping point for shoppers. She also loved to play darts and was a member of many dart leagues.

Surviving Ruby are two daughters, DeLayne “Coco” Mendence and Jill Smith, and a son, Paul Smith, all of Ceres, CA; three grandchildren, Jason Mendence of Oakdale, CA, Joy Mendence-Dorr of Modesto, CA, and Cody Sexton of Ceres; and one great-granddaughter, Jacy Dorr of Modesto, CA. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, including Bill (m Jerri) Stone of Eldon, MO.

In addition to her parents, Ruby was preceded in death by sisters Fay Schulte and Alice Hedgecock; and by her first husband, Benny Robinson, all of Ceres, CA. Ruby will be greatly missed by her family and friends and all who knew her.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 4, 2008 at Ceres Chapel-Franklin and Downs.

Raymond Allen, 92, of Eldon, died Monday, March 10, 2008, in Jefferson City. He was born Dec. 29, 1915, in Eldon to Charley and Stella Allee Allen. On Aug. 10, 1935, he was married in Tuscumbia to Nelda Cotten, who preceded him in death. Mr. Allen was a farmer and was a member of the Eldon First Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are three sons, Garrel Allen of Eldon, Clayton Allen of Holts Summit and Charlie Allen of High Point; a daughter, Christy Flaugher of Holts Summit; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday at Philips Funeral Home in Eldon with funeral services immediately following. The Rev. James Hedrick will officiate. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett. Memorials may be made fo the Eldon First Assembly of God Church.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, March 20, 2008

Jewell “McCubbin” Ahart, 89, Eldon, died Saturday, March 15, 2008, in Eldon. She was born April 22, 1918, the daughter of James O. and Alta P. (Jeffries) McCubbin. She formerly was married to Fred L. Ahart, who died May 9, 1985. Mrs. Ahart attended the Eldon first Baptist Church. She served as a den mother for Cub Scouts for seven years. She was a 25-year member of the VFW Auxiliary to Post 2442 at Eldon, serving a term as vice president. She also was a member of AARP.
Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Pam Ahart of Eldon; three
grandsons, Scott Ahart, Jeff Ahart, and Jason Ahart; and three great-grandsons.
She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Fred L. Ahart; one son, Gary
Ahart; and two brothers, Buell and Burnell McCubbin.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Philips Funeral Home in
Eldon with the Rev. Randall Bunch officiating. Burial was in Jarrett Cemetery near
Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Ameican Cancer Society.

**Norma Jean Nichols**, 76, of Cape Coral, Fla., died March 8, 2008 at Hope Hospice in
Cape Coral. She was born June 25, 1931, in Kansas City, Kan., to Don Paris Sr. and Ola Love
Jeffries. She was married to Roger R. Nichols, who survives.

Mrs. Nichols was employed for more than 33 years with the business office of
Southwestern Bell Telephone in Mexico. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and the
Rocky Mount Baptist Church. She had been a resident of Cape Coral for three years and attended
Coral Ridge Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband of 39 years, she is survived by her sons and their wives, John
Admire of Eldon and Jeff and Margaret Scofield Admire and Steven and Jennifer Nichols, all of
Cape Coral; six brothers, Carl Jeffries, Clifford Jeffries and Howard Jeffries, all of Mexico,
Harold Jeffries of Lake Ozark and John Jeffries and Lloyd Jeffries, both of Fulton; five sisters,
Pauline Jenkins of Jefferson City, and Lola McDermitt, Charlette Wilson, Wanda Davis and
Martha Brown, all of Mexico; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life gathering will be held from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at
the Highway 22 Lions Club in Mexico. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health
Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Francis X. Ryan, LFD Affordable Cremations was in charge
of arrangements.

**Diane E. Yaworski**, 56, formerly of Miller County, died Thursday, March 13, 2008. A
memorial service will be held Saturday, April 12, at St. John’s United Methodist Church, 6900
Ward Parkway, Kansas City. Visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the service starts at 2:30 p.m.
She was a 1960 graduate of Eldon High School and held a Bachelor of Science degree
from Columbia College in Columbia. For the last 15 years she worked for GlaxcoSmithKline,
most recently as a district sales manager.

Surviving her are two children, Amy L. Robins and Kyle J. Martin; her father, Harley C.
Vaughan; her mother; Betty M. Thiedke; a sister, Judy Vaughan; two brothers, Kenny Vaughan
and David Thiedke; granddaughter, Tori Robins; and former husband, Don Yaworski.

Memorials may be made to the St. John’s United Methodist Mission fund, Kansas City
Hospice House or the charity of the donor’s choice.

**John H. Boessen**, 79, of St. Thomas died Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at St. Mary’s Health
Center in Jefferson City. HE was born April 20, 1928, in St. Thomas to Anton and Alma
Lueckennonato Boessen. On Nov. 21, 1953, he was married in St. Thomas to Irene Catherine
Groner, who survives at the home.

Mr. Boessen was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, serving from 1951 until
1953. He was wounded and received a Purple Heart on Sept. 27, 1952. He worked as a carpenter
for Ben Volmert and was a farmer until his retirement. HE was a member of St. Thomas the
Apostle Catholic Church, the Men’s Sodality and the Jefferson City VFW Post 1003.

Also surviving are eight children and their spouses, Carol Ann and Gary Bilyeu of
Wardsville, John L. and Janet Boessen, Leon H. and Donna Boessen and Anthony “Tony”
Boessen, all of St. Thomas, Rose Marie and John Bax of Wardsville, Elizabeth “Betty” Jane and
Doug Backes of Westphalia and Dennis “Butch” and Crystal Boessen and Bernart “Ben” and
Charlene Boessen, all of St. Elizabeth; a brother, David Boessen of St. Thomas; three sisters,
Bernadine Bax of St. Elizabeth, Agens Benne of St. Charles and Sister Anne Boessen of Wardsville; 12 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall, with a Rosary at 4 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church with the Rev. Mark Potterfield officiating. Burial with military honors will be in St. Thomas Cemetery under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

The Eldon Advertiser, Thursday, December 2, 1982

Elmer J. Pemberton, 81, Brumley, died Friday, January 28, 1983 at the home of his daughter. He was born December 10, 1901 at Brumley, the son of William G. and Fannie Luttrell Pemberton. He was married March 26, 1922 at Brumley, to Ethel Colvin, who died May 28, 1982. Mr. Pemberton was a member of the Mt. Union Church of Christ, Brumley.

Survivors include: one son, Roy Pemberton, Brumley; one daughter, Mrs. Janice Cochran, Brumley; four brothers, Arlie Pemberton, Lebanon, Riley Pemberton, Gray’s Summit, Earl Pemberton, Eureka, and Orville Pemberton, Iberia; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 30, 1983 at the Mt. Union Church of Christ, Brumley, with Bro. Farris Wall officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Services were under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home, Iberia.

Oliver Clinton Burris, 79, Rte. 3, Eldon, died Monday, Nov. 28, 1982 at his home. Funeral services for Mr. Burris were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home with Delmon Marriott officiating. Burial was in Woods Cemetery with nephews serving as pallbearers.

Mr. Burris was born Aug. 2, 1903, to Charles and Laura Workman Burris. On May 25, 1940, he was married at Versailles to Erma Wood, who survives at the home.

Mr. Burris retired in 1966 from Brockman Wood Products in Tuscumbia. He also had worked for Glaser Brothers and International Shoe Co. in Eldon. He served on the Bagnell Special Road District commission.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Oliver Burris Jr., and Lyman Burris, both of Eldon; four daughters, Mrs. Sharon Schwantes, Mrs. Karen Hibdon and Mrs. Linda Edwards, all of Eldon, and Mrs. Ina Cotten, Tuscumbia; a brother, Milo Burris, Eldon; three sisters, Mrs. Ida York, Mrs. Ruby Carrol and Mrs. Lucille McGowan, all of Eldon; and 25 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, a sister, twin daughters and a grandson.

Mrs. Eulah Dean Worthley, 85, of 111 Autry St., Eldon, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1982, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born June 6, 1897, in Morgan County to John and Varina Groff Campbell. In 1916 she was married to Raymond Worthley, who died Oct 20, 1943.

Mrs. Worthley lived in the High Point and Barnett areas most of her life. She moved to Eldon in 1950. She was a member of Hopewell Union Church.

Surviving her are a daughter, Dorothy Lake, Eldon; a brother, Curtis Campbell, Marshalltown, Iowa; a sister, Mrs. Florence Bantrup, Guthrie Center, Iowa; and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Worthley was preceded in death by two sons, Gene Worthley on Feb. 14, 1982, and Albert Lee Worthley on July 6, 1945.
Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Philips Funeral Home with the Rev. O.D. Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

**Mrs. Myrtle B. Amos**, 97, Rte. 1, Eldon, died Friday, Nov. 26, 1982, at Eldon. She was born Dec. 19, 1884, at High Point to Henry and Sarah Smith Laue. June 11, 1904, she was married to Monroe W. Amos, who died Oct 26, 1945.

Mrs. Amos lived in Miller and Moniteau counties all of her life. She was a member of the Olean Baptist Church.

Surviving her are two sons, Ray Amos, Woodland, Calif., Ross Amos, Sacramento, Calif., Russell Amos, Woodland, Calif., and Gloe Amos, Eldon; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Williams, Eldon and MRs. Fern Brown, Kansas City, Kan.; and 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Cox and the Rev. Bob Stevenson officiating. Burial was in the High Point Cemetery.

**Nolan “Red” Bartlett**, a former lake-area resident died Nov. 23, 1982, at his home in Tucson Ariz. Mr. Bartlett moved to Tucson a number of years ago because of his health. He previously operated a restaurant at Lake Ozark.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lena, and a brother, Otis Bartlett. Surviving are a stepdaughter, Cora Wood, Phoenix, Ariz. and a step-grandson, Larry Wood, Tulsa, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and burial were in Tucson.

**Unknown Publication, February 1980**

**Mrs. Lena V. Kelsay** of Jacksonville, Fla. passed away Sat. February 16, 1980, in Jacksonville. She was born in Bagnell, MO. May 9, 1894, daughter of Marion and Lillian Dobson Wood. She was married to Herbert O. Kelsay, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons: Al Kelsay of Jacksonville, Fla.; H.O. Kelsay Jr., of Independence, Mo; Charles D. Kelsay of Kansas City, Kan.; and 18 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. in the Phillips Chapel of Eldon, Rev. Don Wayneright officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery.

**Stella Bond**, daughter of Elijah and Martha Ann Humphrey, was born at Osgood, Missouri Mar. 22, 1904 and passed away at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach on Feb. 14, 1980 at the age of 76 years 10 months and 22 days.

On July 16, 1927, she was united in marriage to Bruel Bond and to this union two sons were born.

Mrs. Bond was a member of the High Hill Baptist Church at Osceola, MO. Mr. and Mrs. Bond moved to the Brumley Community from Lowery City about two years ago.

Surviving relatives are her husband Bruel Bond of the home near Brumley, two sons, Paul Bond of the home and Robert Bond, address…

**Unknown Newspaper, December 2, 1981**

**Carman Lee Brumley**, 56, of Star Route, Rocky Mount, Mo., passed away Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1981 at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital. Mrs. Brumley was a former resident of the Tuscumbia area.

Mrs. Brumley was born February 23, 1925, at Piedmont, Mo., the daughter of Clarence and Lillie (Twidwell) Carpenter. She was married November 28, 1938 at St. Louis to Ralph J. Brumley who survives. She was a member of the Gateway Baptist Church, Eldon, Mo., and the Rebecca Lodge of Piedmont, Mo. She had been a central Missouri resident since 1951.
Other survivors besides her husband are 2 sons, James Brumley of Davenport, Iowa and Jack Brumley of Russellville, Mo.; 1 brother, Raymond Carpenter of Piedmont; 1 sister, Irene Brumley, Tuscumbia; 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 28 at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Caldwell officiating. Burial was in the Hawkeye Cemetery.

Elmer R. Barr, formerly of Miller County died in Louisville, Kentucky on November 12, 1981, a day after his 70th birthday. He was born November 11, 1911, a son of the late George L. and Alice M. (Jarrett) Barr.

Survivors include his wife Lou, of the home; three brothers, Joe and Robert of Louisville, Kentucky, and Carrell of Elizabethtown, Kentucky; and three sisters, Irene Ballinger, Garrettsville, Ohio, Mary Weeks, Eldon, and Mildred Weitz, Tuscumbia.

Funeral services were Monday, November 16 at the Guardian Angels Church with the Rev. Joseph Zahner officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Mausoleum, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Icey Caroline Kurete, 74, St. Ann, died Monday, November 23, 1981. She had been a resident of St. Elizabeth Manor Nursing Home since August. She was born June 9, 1907 at Big Pniey to Willie and Dora Estes Bray. In 1940 she was married in St. Charles to Joseph Kurete, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Donna Oskes, state of California; a step-daughter, Mrs. Shirley Ann Scanlon, Cool Valley; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Madden, Iberia; two brothers, Richard Tucker, Tuscumbia, and Clay Tucker, Eldon; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, November 27 at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia with Msgr. Gerald Poelker officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia.

The New Iberian, August 25, 1982

William Robert “Bob” Whittle, formerly of Crocker, Missouri, residing at the Windsor Estates Nursing Home of Camdenton, Missouri was born in Miller County on November 10, 1890, the son of James and Mary (Keeth) Whittle and departed this life on August 6, 1982 at the V.A. Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He had attained the age of 91 years, 8 months and 27 days.


He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Ethel (Barr) Whittle, and 1 daughter, Burnedean Lobmaster.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, August 8, 1982 at the Long Moss Williams Chapel in Crocker, Mo., at 2 p.m. with Farris Wall officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery of Crocker, Mo., under the direction of the Long Moss Williams Funeral Home in Crocker.

The New Iberian, February 17, 1982

DeWitt Clinton Frazer Sr., 86, a resident of Miller County Nursing Home at Tuscumbia, died Monday, February 8, 1982 at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. He was born January 20, 1896 at San Diego, California, to William and Nora Matthews Frazer. On April 6, 1927, he was married to Eulys (Betty) Ambrose, who survives at Willow Creek Apartments in Eldon.
Mr. Frazer was a retired engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad. He was a member of the Unitarian Church, Masonic Lodge 326 at Needles, California, and was a charter member of Elks Lodge 1920 at Barstow, California.

In addition to Mrs. Frazer, survivors include two daughters, Virginia Pool and Edrie Bryan, both of the state of Washington; a son, Clinton Frazer Jr. of Barstow, California; and seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Mr. Frazer will be held at Gott Cemetery when weather permits. His body was cremated. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Stevinson-Mosman Funeral Home at Iberia.

(Note: Mrs. Frazer is a daughter of the late Charles and Ida (Musick) Ambrose and a sister to Norman Ambrose, Jamestown, Mo., and the late Armyl and Fred Ambrose.)

The New Iberian, January 1982

Barney Alexander, 80, Iberia, died Thursday, January 14 at Windsor Estates Nursing Home, Camdenton. He was born October 19, 1901, in Miller County, the son of Sherman and Saurilda Holycross Alexander. He was married June 6, 1945, at Rolla to Mary E. Duncan, who survives at the home.

A life-long resident of Miller County, Mr. Alexander was a World War II veteran and a retired farmer.

Other survivors include: four brothers, W.S. Alexander and Charlie Alexander, both of Dixon, Orville Alexander, Richland, and Arthur Alexander, Meta; and one sister, Mrs. Laura Shelton, Granite City, Illinois.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 16 in the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home, Iberia, with Bro. Farris Wall officiating. Burial was in the Freedom Cemetery near Iberia.

The New Iberian, October 6, 1982

Samie Harold Cummins, 46, Holts Summit, passed away Monday, October 4, 1982, at the Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital at Osage Beach. He was born July 26, 1936, at Powderly, Texas, a son of Sam and Lillie Rhotom Cummins. On August 18, 1973, he was married at Iberia to Barbara Woolery, who survives at the home.

He was a member of the Iberia First Baptist Church and attended Union Hill Baptist Church in Holts Summit. He had lived in Holts Summit since 1975. Mr. Cummins was employed by Sure Transportation as a lease writer at Chesebrough Ponds.

Other survivors include: one son, Michael Cummins, Great Lakes Naval Base, Ill., and one daughter, Kim Cummins, of the home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 7, 1982, at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Bob Springate officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be after 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The Eldon Advertiser, Thursday, August 5, 1981

Mrs. Leona A. Miller, 77, Jefferson City, a Mary’s Home native, died Friday, July 30, 1982, at St. Mary’s Health Center after a lengthy illness. She was born March 5, 1905, at Mary’s Home to William and Anna Schulte Berendzen. On Oct. 1, 1929, she was married to John R. Miller, who died July 11, 1956.

She attended Mary’s Home schools and was a member of St. Peters Catholic Church at Jefferson City and its Altar Society. She worked for Oberman Manufacturing Company and was employed for a number of years at the Card Shop in Jefferson City.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Rita Dampf, Jefferson City; a brother, Clem Berendzen, Mary’s Home; two half-brothers, Lambert Berendzen, Holts Summit, and Adolph Berendzen, Wardsville; two half-sisters, Mrs. Bernetta Campbell, Amarillo, Texas, and Mrs. Martha King, Logan, N.M.; and seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Michael Coleman officiating. The rosary was prayed Sunday evening at Buescher Memorial Home. Burial was in the Spring Garden Cemetery.

Mrs. Arminta (Mint) Jenkins Wyrick, Willow Creek Apartments, Eldon, died Friday, July 30, 1982, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. She was born Feb. 12, 1897, at Ulman to Charles P. and Jane Sanders Jenkins. Feb. 15, 1914, she was married at Ulman to Cloudy Wyrick, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Wyrick was a member of the Ulman Baptist Church.

Surviving her are one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Bonnot, Eldon; two sons, Bernie Wyrick, Russellville, and James Wyrick Gary, Ind.; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Mingus, Springfield; and 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Howard C. Carter, 78, Gary, Ind., died Friday, July 30, 1982, at Methodist Hospital in Gary. He was born Oct 21, 1903 at Bedford, Va., to Otha and Fannie Burgess Carter. Oct. 31, 1933, he was married to Ruby Allee, who survives at Gary. His wife was a former Eldon area resident.

Mr. Carter lived at Gary for some 50 years. He was a retired car foreman for the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four brothers, Victor Carter, Gravois Mills, Everett Carter, Liberal, Kan., Archie Carter, Perryton, Texas, Richard Carter, San Jose, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Champion, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Catherine Hedal, Buhl, Idaho.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Jasper Hunter officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Robert Landon Fisher, 36, New Madrid, husband of a former Eldon resident, died Wednesday morning in a one car accident in which three other people died. Mr. Fisher was married to the former Elaine Tetley, who attended Eldon schools except for her senior high school year.

He worked for Associated Electric Cooperatives at its New Madrid power plant. He was on route home from work when the accident occurred. Fisher was a passenger in a car which reportedly failed to negotiate a curve and crashed into an embankment. All occupants of the car were thrown from the vehicle, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Fisher is survived by a daughter, Meghann, age 2, and a son, Landon, 6 weeks old.

Funeral services were held Friday morning in New Madrid and burial was in the New Madrid Cemetery.

Sterling Leroy Arnel, 94, Stover, died Tuesday, Aug 3, 1982. He was born June 24, 1888, near Eldon to James Logan and Emily E. Wood. Mr. Arnel attended the First Assembly of God in Eldon.

Surviving him are two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Porter, Eldon, and Mrs. Myrtle Bingham, Eldon; three grandsons and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Goldie Snyder, and one son, Roy Arnel.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Griswold Kays Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Resa officiating. Burial will be in Wood Cemetery.
Mrs. Viola Caroline Roll, 78, of Versailles, passed away Thursday morning, July 29, 1982, at Bothwell Memorial Hospital in Sedalia. She was born April 13, 1904, in Camden County, a daughter of the late Charlie and Jenette Burns Kincaid. She was united in marriage on July 24, 1921, with John Albert Roll, who preceded her in death on March 27, 1964. She was a member of the West Union Baptist Church near Versailles.

Survivors include one son, John Roll, Jr., of Versailles; two daughters, Mrs. Syble Estos, Versailles, and Mrs. Sylvia Sanders, Sunrise Beach; three brothers, Willie Kincaid, Camdenton, Henry Kincaid, Eldon, and John Kincaid, of Versailles; two sisters, Mrs. Flossie Phillips, Versailles, and Mrs. Vida Hibdon, Climax Springs; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home, with the Rev. George Duckworth officiating. Interment was in the Climax Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Elsie Eleanor Currence, 91, Rocky Mount Star Route, Eldon, died Tuesday, July 27, 1982, at Liberty Hospital in Liberty. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Eldon First Baptist Church.

She was born April 3, 1891, at Olean to Geroge McClellan and Rachel Martha Roark Rea. March 12, 1911, she was married at Olean to Clarence M. Currence, who survives her. Mrs. Currence was a member of the Eldon First Baptist Church and was a former member of the Eldon REbekah Lodge. She lived in the Eldon area all of her life.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son, Roy M. Currence, Gladstone; a sister, Mrs. Alma Bernice McGinnis, Enon; a brother, Cecil Rea, Kansas City; and four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One son, GAnes Currence, preceded her in death on April 11, 1966.

The Rev. James Westmoreland and the Rev. Arnim Ray officiated at the services. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery, under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

Mrs. Katherine M. Helton, 95, Rte. 1, Eldon, died Wednesday, July 28, 1982, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. She was born Jan. 4, 1887, at Jeffersonville, Ind., to John and Nellie W. Dickey Seigle.

She first was married to Tom Starner who died Oct 19, 1953. On Aug 17, 1954, she was married to Richard A. Helton, who died May 6, 1967. Mrs. Helton was a member of the Eldon Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home with Bro. Joe Camp and Bro. Danny Fox officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery near Iberia.

Jefferson City News Tribune, August 2005

Mrs. Beulah D. Ortmeier, age 93 years, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Wednesday, August 17, 2005, one day before her 94th birthday. She was born August 18, 1911, near Tuscumbia, Mo., the daughter of Richard A. and Altha Topping Helton.

She was married January 12, 1932, at Rolla, Mo., to Oscar E. Ortmeier, who preceded her in death on March 1, 2000. She attended the Bear Creek School at Tuscumbia, Mo. She had been employed at the Missouri State Legislature, the Missouri State Probation and Parole Office, the Missouri National Guard, and with Jordan & Kolb Real Estate. She also had been co-owner with her husband of the Ortmeier Farms, raising red polled Hereford cattle. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, a charter member of the Eldon Lutheran Church, Eldon, Mo., and a charter member of the Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, Mo.

She was a member of the Dorcas Society Quilting at Faith Lutheran Church, the Altar Guild, a previous Girl Scout leader, and a volunteer at St. Marys Hospital and Memorial Community Hospital Bazaars. She was also a charter member of the Boonville Road 49ers of Missouri Extension Clubs. Mrs. Ortmeier was an accomplished seamstress, quilter, and gardener.
She is survived by two daughters, Pat Dornfeld of St. Louis, Mo., and Dr. Linda Kanagawa of Columbia, Mo., four grandchildren, Pam RuBert and her husband, Russ, of Springfield, Mo., Debra Dornfeld of St. Louis, Mo., Andrew Kanagawa of Jefferson City, Mo., and Christopher Kanagawa of St. Louis, Mo.; two great-grandchildren, Lily and Niko Kanagawa of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Marie DeBroeck of Eagle River, Wisconsin and 15 nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her special helpers and friends, Rosemary LeCure, Linda Hale, Kelly Dennis and Dawn LeCure. She was preceded in death by one brother and five sisters. She was the beloved wife of the late Oscar E. Ortmeyer and was a loving mother and grandmother.

Visitation will be held at the Buescher Memorial Home, Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Buescher Memorial Home with the Rev. Alvin H. Lange officiating. Entombment will be in the Mausoleum at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Memorials are suggested to the Help-A-Child Christian Orphans in Haiti. Arrangements are under the direction of the Buescher Memorial Home.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, March 27, 2008

Dorsie L. Schulte, 94, of Mary’s Home, MO, died Tuesday, March 25, 2008, in Jefferson City. She was born July 26, 1913, in Mary’s Home, MO to Albert Lee and Minnie Catherine (Sullens) Rush. On April 28, 1936, she was married in Mary’s Home, MO to Willard H. Schulte, who died May 28, 1996.

Mrs. Schulte was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home and the Altar Sodality.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Darrell L. And Frances Schulte of Jefferson City, MO; six grandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and James Houston, Sraa and Matt Stanley, Charles and Linda Schulte, Timothy and Kelly Schulte, Anthony Schulte and Adam and Debbie Schulte; ten great-grandchildren; on great-great-granddaughter; and a brother, Roscoe Rush of Mary’s Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, five brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home in Mary’s Home, MO. The Rosary will be prayed at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2008, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home, MO, with the Rev. Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Burial will be in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Mary’s Home, MO. Memorial Masses for Dorsie L. Schulte to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

Condensed obituary from Unknown Publication, March 2008

Walter Vinson Keeth of Spiro, OK, departed this life on March 9, 2008 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born in Iberia, Missouri on September 17, 1917, the son of William Rile and Mary L. Thomas Keeth.

He is survived by three daughters, Lona Brown of Corvallis, OR, Judy Kay Standridge of Monroe, OR and Jurlan Sue Rushing of Colville, WA; and one Son Walter Don Keeth of Fort Bragg, CA.

Burial was in Shady Point Cemetery in Spiro, OK.

Unknown Publication, July 14, 1979

Willard Kelsay, 86, Iberia, died Wednesday, June 6, at a Camdenton Nursing Home. Mr. Kelsay was born June 8, 1892, in Miller County, son of William and Martha Livingston Kelsay. On March 5, 1922, he was married at Iberia to Velva Forrester, who survives at the home.

He was a veteran of World War I and a pioneer in the poultry industry in the Miller County area. A retired farmer he was a member of the Hickory Point Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years.
Other survivors include: two sons, John Kelsay and Samuel Kelsay, both of Iberia; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda Mote and Mrs. Joyce Jarrett, both of Iberia; one brother, John Kelsay, Kansas City; one sister, Mrs. Anna Adams, Tulsa, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 8 at the Hickory Point Baptist Church with the Rev. David Judson officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Point Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Maude Belle Stokes was born June 14, 1888, to John and Rose Slavens near Hawkeye, Missouri. She departed this life June 5, 1979, at the age of 90 years 11 months and 21 days.

On Aug. 16, 1909, Maude was married to Thomas Jefferson Stokes and to this union three sons were born: Barney Monroe of Versailles, Missouri, Loyd Elsworth of Cuba, Missouri and Larry Doyle of Crocker, Missouri.

At the age of 18 Maude joined the Methodist Church and was baptized at Dean's Creek. After her marriage she attended church at Bethany until that church burned. Later she attended services at the old Brown School and at Crocker occasionally. In recent years her health prevented her doing many things she enjoyed but Sunday mornings always found her listening to her favorite religious programs on TV.

On August 16, 1959, Maude and Tommy celebrated a glorious Golden Wedding Anniversary on their farm north of Crocker, where they eventually spent some 59 years before failing health forced them to move to town.

They eventually celebrated a 60th anniversary and lived together to celebrate a 65th. It was in December of 1974 that Tommy preceded Maude in death. Thus she was spared still another five years in her own life to live in fond memories of the past.

Maude’s greatest joy was visiting with friends, in person or by telephone. Always close to her God in her heart, her home, her kitchen, or her garden, she will be greatly missed by those who survive: the three sons, their wives, nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one step sister, Grace Simpson of Arizona and two step brothers, Bill Johnson of Theodosia and Ross Johnson of Laurie, Missouri. There is a host of other relatives and friends.

Vincent H. Doerhoff, 76, of St. Elizabeth, died Friday, May 25 at his home. A native of St. Elizabeth, Mr. Doerhoff was born May 31, 1902, a son of Steven and Anna Schulte Doerhoff.

He retired in 1967 after serving as a barber at St. Elizabeth for 40 years. Since then he has done some clock and watch repair work.

Mr. Doerhoff was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth, and of the Holy Name Society of that church. He was a former city clerk of St. Elizabeth and a member of the town board. He also was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

Survivors include: two brothers, Martin Doerhoff, Centralia, Ill., and Caspar Doerhoff, Iberia; one sister, Sister Mary Emma Doerhoff, S.S.M., St. Louis; several nieces and nephews.

The rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Stevinson Funeral Home, St. Elizabeth. The funeral was conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 31, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gerard Poelker officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Unknown Publication, February 1980

Homer Bryant, son of John and Rachal Bryant, was born at Centertown, Mo., Jan. 27, 1904, and passed away at his home near Brumley on Feb. 11, 1980 at the age of 76 years and fourteen days.

On Sept. 26, 1925, he was united in marriage to Fern Robinson and to this union two children were born. A son, Darrell Wayne passed away at the age of two.
For twenty years Homer was the operator of the Glaize Drive-In Theater at Osage Beach, Missouri, retiring five years ago. A number of years ago he united with the Baptist Church at Centertown, Mo. For many years he was a member of the Modern Woodsmen of America.

Surviving relatives are his wife, Fern, of the home; one daughter, Bonnie Jo Anderson of Knoxville, Tenn.; one sister, Opal Hedgepeth, Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, Hurley D. Bryant of Colorado Springs, Col.; three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, 1980, at the Baptist Church in Brumley, Missouri with Rev. Bill Rosen officiating. Interment was made in the Gott Cemetery near Ulman, Missouri. Pallbearers were Roscoe Anderson, Andy Anderson, Jr., Michael Anderson, Jim Thornsberry, Bob Walls and Phillips Robinson. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Brumley, Missouri.

Unknown Publication, 4 December 1980

William Harold Smith, 74, of Versailles, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 1980, at his home. He was born at Tuscumbia on April 1, 1906, a son of Roy and Ida (Wright) Smith.

Mr. Smith was retired from the Rock Island Railroad Co. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway, Airline & Steamship Clerks, and of the Versailles First Baptist Church. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Betty Thiedke, of O’Fallon, Mo.; three brothers, Walter Smith, Paul Smith and Bryce Smith, all of Tuscumbia; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, Seymour, Mrs. Dean Thompson, St. Louis, and Mrs. Vivian Carlson, Fallon, Nev.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the First Baptist Church in Versailles, with the Rev. Joe W. Acuff officiating. Pallbearers were the Rev. Gerald Hamlett, Lawrence Admire, Kelly Small, George Bradshaw, John Strouhal, and Forrest Bowling. Interment was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery, under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Dolan Wesley Howren Sr., 70, Rte. 1, Eldon, died Monday Dec. 1, 1980, at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia where he had been a patient since Nov. 19. He was born Nov. 19, 1910, in Monticello to Walter and Peachie Day Howren. He was married in Kansas City on Nov. 19, 1938, to Elsie Grace Phillips, who survives at the home.

Mr. Howren moved to Eldon in 1940. He worked as an electrical engineer for International Shoe Co. in Jefferson City and for Kraft Foods in Eldon before joining Adcock Electric of Eldon. He retired in 1972. He was a member of the Eldon First Baptist Church, Iona Lodge 381 and Eldon Chapter 210, Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Arnim Ray officiating. Burial was in the Rocky Mount Union Cemetery under the direction of Griswold-Kays Funeral Home of Eldon. The family suggests memorial contributions to the First Baptist Church new sanctuary fund.

The New Iberian, January 7, 1981

Ira M. Birdsong, 53, Tuscumbia, died Saturday, January 3 at Memorial Community Hospital (Jefferson City). He was born March 28, 1927, at Tuscumbia, a son of John and Alice Humphrey Birdsong. He was married December 31, 1951, at Granite City, Illinois to Wilma Lindsey, who survives at the home.

He was employed at Corrugated Box Co. in St. Louis for 18 years before his retirement in 1974. He moved to Tuscumbia following his retirement. He was a veteran of the Korean War and World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy during both wars.

Other survivors include: two sons, John Birdsong, Granite City, Ill., and James Birdsong, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; one daughter, Lenetta Smith, Eldon; Three brothers, Jaspar Birdsong,
Eldon, Flavey Birdsong, Coalmont, Ind., and George Birdsong, Granite City, Ill., Mrs. Martha Lee, Eldon, and Mrs. Flossie Clark, Tuscumbia; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, January 5 at the Humphreys Creek Christian Church with the Rev. Gene Edwards and the Rev. Floyd Barlow officiating. Burial was in the Capps Cemetery, near St. Elizabeth. Arrangements were under the direction of the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home, Iberia.

**Gail Clay Wall**, 51, Rt. 1, Brumley, Mo., passed away Thursday, January 1, at the Boone County Hospital, Columbia, Mo., where he had been a patient about a month. Mr. Wall was born June 1, 1929, in Brumley, the son of Oliver F. and Marie (Hutsler) Wall. On December 12, 1954, he was married at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., to Flora Houser, who survives at the home.

Mr. Wall was a deacon of the Brumley Baptist Church; he served his country in the U.S. Army from January 1951 to December 1953. He was self employed as a building contractor and had lived most of his life in Miller County.

Survivors besides his wife, Flora, include his mother, Mrs. Marie Wall, Brumley; 1 daughter, Becky Wall of Brumley; 1 son, Ronnie Wall of Brumley; 2 sisters, Mrs. Thelma Meredith of Iberia and Mrs. Wanda Diedriech of St. Louis; 3 brothers, Clark Wall and Larry Wall of Iberia and Nyle Wall of Stoutland.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 3, at 2 p.m. at the Brumley Baptist Church with Bro. Bill Rosen officiating. Burial was in Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley. All arrangements were under the direction of the Gisswold-Kays Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo.

The New Iberian, January 28, 1981

**Mrs. Sylvia A. Alexander**, 76, Sedalia, formerly of Iberia, died Sunday, January 25, 1981, at the Brooking Park Village Nursing Home, Sedalia. She was born May 27, 1904, at Iberia, a daughter of Joseph and Letha (Lovall) Whittle. On December 24, 1921, she was married at Brumley to Ransome A. Alexander, who died June 30, 1973.

Mrs. Alexander was a member of the Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Iberia.

Survivors include: 2 sons, Curtis G. Alexander, Lake Ozark and Joe Warren Alexander, St. James; 2 daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Otterville and Mrs. Patsy Luttrell, Brumley; 2 brothers, Otto Whittle, Brumley and Wilburn Whittle, Crocker; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home, Iberia, with Bro. Farris Wall officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Former Iberia resident, **Mrs. Ollie M. Musick**, 96, died Tuesday, January 20 in a nursing home in Oak Harbor, Washington. She was born February 15, 1885, in Iberia, the daughter of Thomas and Jaylie Tate Mace. She married John Musick who died in 1954.

Mrs. Musick was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Iberia, and a lifelong resident of that community until 1971.

She is survived by one daughter, Selma Schachtner, Tacoma Washington, and two grandsons.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 26, at the Iberia First Baptist Church, with rev. Ralph Bunce officiating. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery.

**Annie F. Smith**, 87, Eldon, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Still Hospital in Jefferson City. She was born Nov. 27, 1893, in Enon, MO., the daughter of William O. and Cordelia (Wyrick) Wiser. She was married Jan. 17, 1915, to William Z. Smith in High Point, Mo. He preceded her in death Aug. 1, 1965.

She was a member of the Corticelli Baptist Church.
She is survived by a daughter, Velva Slater, Eldon, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Eldon Myers officiating. Burial was in the Allen Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, April 16, 1980

William E. Hutchinson, 75, Iberia, died Sunday at his home. He was born January 4, 1905, in Kentucky. A retired welder, he had lived most of his life in St. Louis but lived in Iberia for the past eight years.

Survivors include: three sons, Leland Hutchinson, Los Angeles, California; Bill Hutchinson, Iberia; and Rodney Hutchinson, San Jose, California; two daughters, Mrs. Thalia Rowe, Nashville, Tennessee; and Mrs. Myra Parrish, St. Louis; one step-daughter, Mrs. Juanita Lansing, Ada, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 15 at the Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia, with the Rev. Everett Ransom officiating. Burial was in the Union Cemetery.

Granite City Press Record, Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Lorene E. (Shelton) Livingston, 96, of O'Fallon, formerly of Granite City, died at 10:50 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2008, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She was born Dec. 16, 1911, in Dixon, Mo.

Mrs. Livingston was a member of the Clark Avenue Church of Christ in Granite City; and was previously employed by A.O. Smith as a key punch operator for 23 years. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Kay Livingston, of Highland; nieces and nephews; one granddaughter, Anne Beckford, of Florida; two grandsons, Sam Livingston, of Texas, and John Livingston, of Pennsylvania; and three great-grandchildren, Machen Livingston, Demaree Livingston and Darius Beckford.

She married Norman Livingston on Feb. 22, 1934. He preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a son, Gary Livingston; her parents, D.B. and Martha (Pendleton) Shelton; two sisters; and seven brothers.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. March 22, at the funeral home with the Rev. Philip Treat officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Ruby H. Brown, 90, of Jefferson City died Monday, March 31, 2008, at Jefferson City, MO. She was born June 26, 1917 in Miller County, MO, the daughter of John Wesley Brown and Nellie Ann (Binkley) Brown, who both preceded her in death.

She was employed by the Department of Social Services and she was a member of Capital City Christian Church in Jefferson City, MO.

She is survived by one niece, Janet Renken and husband Gayle of Centertown, MO; three nephews, Greg Scott and wife Fern of Jefferson City, MO; Tim Scott and wife Deanie of Broken Arrow, Okla., and David Scott and wife Linda of Tulsa, Okla.; several great-nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was also preceded in death by one sister, Mildred L. Scott.

Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, MO. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the funeral home with Minister Gary Baker officiating. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon, MO. Memorials are suggested to Capital City Christian Church West. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, MO.
Norbert Fredrich Doerhoff, 73, of Taos, died Monday, April 7, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center (Jefferson City). He was born on December 8, 1934, in Henley, Mo. to August and Margaret Kempker Doerhoff.

He was united in marriage on November 16, 1957, in Jefferson City to Betty Jo Porting, who survives at the home. He served in the United States Army.

Norbert worked for American Building Products for 33 years. He currently worked for Durham Bus Service as a school bus driver for Blair Oaks and Taos. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. He enjoyed truck driving, farming, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Other survivors include: two sons and two daughters-in-law, DeWayne and Faye Doerhoff, Wardsville and David and Kathy Doerhoff, Taos; five grandchildren, Kelby Doerhoff, Jordy Doerhoff, Adriane Doerhoff, Lauren Doerhoff, and Lucas Doerhoff; one sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine and Gene Pringer, Wardsville; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Doerhoff, Henley; and Donald and wife Jane Kempker, who was raised with Norbert. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Alma Boessen; and one brother, Alfred Doerhoff.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2008, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with the Rev. J. David Maher officiating. Burial, with full military honors, will be in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2008, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 7319 Rt. M, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Thelma G. Brooker, 91, of Columbia, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Lenoir HealthCare Center in Columbia. She was born Feb. 10, 1917, in Miller County to Albert and Myrtle Blankenship Vaughn. She was married Sept. 12, 1936, in Salem to Donald Brown Brooker and assisted him in attending the University of Missouri during the Great Depression and Army Air Corps service.

Mrs. Brooker was graduated from Iberia Junior College Latin and Scientific Academy in 1936. She joined the Columbia First Christian Church and was active in the Christian Leader’s Class, Christian Women’s Fellowship, Hannah Jones Circle, the Sesquicentennial Committee, Homebound Communion and Ministry of Flowers. She received awards for her work as a “Pink Lady” at Boone Hospital Center and volunteer in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit waiting room. She was also a member of the Fortnightly Club, Engineering Faculty Wives, Agricultural Engineer’s Wives and other groups associated with MU and she often acted as a sponsor for student wives’ clubs and cherished her interaction with international students, many of whom called her “Mother”.

Surviving are her husband of Columbia; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Neal Bowers of Ames, Iowa; granddaughters, Susan Brooker Fritz (Willie) of Warrensburg and Margaret Brooker Wienberg (Greg) of Shawnee, Kan.; and five great-grandchildren, Wesley, Elaine and Brooke Fritz and Drew and Charlie Wienberg.

She was preceded in death by her son, Larry Brown Brooker, a granddaughter Lori Ann Brooker and all 12 of her siblings.

Services and celebration of her life will be conducted by Dr. John Yonker at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Columbia First Christian Church. Visitation will be held from noon until 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Larry Brown Brooker Memorial Ministerial Scholarship in care of the First Christian Church, 101 N. 10th St., Columbia, MO 65201.
Glen “Bus” Cochran, 82, of Iberia, died Monday, April 14, 2008, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center near Tuscumbia. He was born Sept. 24, 1925, to William Jasper and Eunice Moneymaker Cochran.

Mr. Cochran was a cattle farmer most of his life and was a fox hunter. He was baptized at the Mt. Union Church of Christ near Brumley.

Surviving are two sisters, Eula Mae Cochran of Iberia and Alice Mitchell and husband Warren of Brumley; two brothers and their wives, David and Birdeen Cochran of Brumley and Danny and Carol Cochran of Iberia; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with Bro. Billy Claborn officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Mt. Union Cemetery.

Lucille D. “Lou” Smith, 83, of Roseburg, Oregon, died Saturday, April 5, 2008, at Rose Haven Nursing Center in Roseburg. She was born March 31, 1925 in Brumley to the late Ralph M. and Alma Fern DeVore. She was married in 1947 to Ward H. Smith, who died in 1984. She also was preceded in death by a sister, Dixie Faye Graham.

Surviving are a brother and his wife, Norman and Carolyn DeVore of Iberia; two nephews and their wives, Mitchel and Stephanie DeVore of Iberia and Christopher and Suzie DeVore of Centertown; four great-nephews; and four great-nieces.

Cremation was under the direction of Wilson’s Chapel of the Roses in Roseburg, Oregon. Interment and memorial services will be held at Gott Cemetery near Brumley at a later date.

Barbara Jones Pemberton of Cape Girardeau, died April 21, 2008 at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau. She was born June 28, 1921 in Nashville, Tenn. daughter of Dr. Andrew B. and Ethel Patton Jones. When she was a young child the family moved to St. Louis where her father practiced medicine and was head of the neurology department at Washington University for many years. She graduated from University City High School and was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vanderbilt University. She and Donald D. Pemberton were married December 1, 1945 in Caruthersville, Mo.

She was a housewife, Girl Scout leader, and avid bridge player. As the children graduated from college and left home, she became interested in genealogy and did extensive research on both her ancestors and her husband’s. She was a member of the DAR and DAC and had correspondents from coast to coast. Her research books are still intact. She was a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International because of her husband’s membership in the Cape Girardeau Rotary Club for some 45 years.

Survivors include her husband of Cape Girardeau; two sons, Andrew J. (Julie) of Boston, Mass., Donald D., Jr. of Boulder, Co.; two daughters, Nancy (Michael) Carroll of Park Rapids, Minn., Mary Ann (James) Bamford of Washington, D.C.; brother Andrew (Norma) Jones, Jr. of Springfield, Tenn.; two grandsons, Andrew and Daniel Carroll; three granddaughters, Kathleen Carroll, Annie and Allyson Pemberton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother Dr. James C. Jones of Houston Tex.; and a sister Patricia Ingles of Marathon, Fla.

Visitation and services will be at McCombs Funeral Home in Cape on Saturday, April 26 and at the Rekus Funeral Home on Sunday, April 27 in Iberia, Mo. Interment will be in the Williams (Pemberton Family) Cemetery near Iberia, Mo. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be made to the charity of choice.
Gladys E. Musick, age 87, died Friday, April 18, 2008, in Tuscumbia. She was born in Henley on October 9, 1920, a daughter of the late Jasper and Blanche (Hoskins) Scott. On April 24, 1937, she was married to Elmer L. Musick in Tuscumbia, who preceded her in death on February 7, 1997.

Gladys was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church. She enjoyed making quilts, cooking and helping others. Her family and friends were her life.

She is survived by her two sons, Charles A. Musick and wife Carol of Tuscumbia and Dink Musick and wife Paula of Spring Garden, nine grandchildren, Vicki Holmes and husband, Greg, Jeff Musick and wife Donna, Stephani Leverich and husband Tom, Tim Musick and wife Joyce, Teresa Blanchard and husband Warren, Sean Musick and wife Diane, Lacy Eddington and husband Ron, Melanie Foley and husband Jim and Michele Kempker and husband Doug; two step-grandchildren; John Stout and wife Lisa and Kimberly Humphreys and husband Marshall; 19 great-grandchildren; 10 step-great grandchildren; two sisters, Juanita Grady of Iberia and Lorene Huff and husband Orris of Pleasant Hill and numerous nieces and nephews.

Two sons, Curtis L. Musick and Conley C. Musick; one sister, Geraldine Amos and one brother, Wayne Allen Scott, also preceded her in death.

Services were at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 21, at Mt. Zion Christian Church near Tuscumbia. Minister Charlie Worstell will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mt. Zion Cemetery or Show-Me Christian Youth Home.

Faye G. (Hensley) Bess, 87, of Granite City, died at 12:25 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 2008, in Granite City. She was born Jan. 23, 1921, in Iberia, Mo. Mrs. Bess was a member of the Nameoki United Methodist Church in Granite City, where she was also a member of the Quilters Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn (Dan) Bernaix, and Joan (Terry) Wills, both of Granite City; one sister, Louise Wilkis, of Missouri; two brothers, Junior Hensley, of Missouri, and Bob Hensley, of Texas; four grandchildren, Ellen Bruns, Justin Bernaix, Kristen Hickam, and Tiffany Bernaix; and three great-grandchildren, Ella Hickam, Caden Bernaix, and Max Bruns.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Bess; her parents, Colmer and Lottie (Woody) Hensley; and one brother, Wendell Hensley.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today, May 7, at the Nameoki United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tim Pate officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Nameoki United Methodist Church and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Mason Otto (Doc) Henley, 96, Rte. 1, Eugene, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1982 at his home. He was born Oct. 20, 1885, at Eugene to Thomas and Malinda Norfleet Henley.

He first was married to Mel Franklin and later to Bertha Bontrager, both of whom preceded him in death. On Jan. 2, 1919, he was married in California, Mo., to Marie Sophia Kubil, who died Nov. 11, 1975.

Mr. Henley lived in Miller County all of his life and had been a farmer. He was a member of the Spring Garden Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Emma Harney, Springfield, Oregon, Mrs. Helen Gibson, Eugene, and Mrs. Alma Huff, Kansas City; two sons, Ray Henley, Walnut, Ill., and James Henley, Kansas City; a brother, Lester Henley, Jefferson City; and eight grandchildren,
Laura Elizabeth Dalton, age 74, of Eugene, died Wednesday, December 26, 2007, in Jefferson City. She was born on November 19, 1933, in Red Star, Ark., the daughter of Sam Eversole and Rosa (Begley) Hoy. She was married on December 2, 1948, in Pleaston, Kan., to Bill H. Dalton, who preceded her in death on December 6, 2005.

She was a lifetime member of the Church of Christ and attended Fairgrounds Road Church of Christ in Jefferson City. She was employed with OATS Transportation, serving the Miller and Morgan County areas. She enjoyed oil painting. She completed work for the church Baptistry's and a mural at the Miller County Museum. Throughout the years she enjoyed sewing. Her favorite pastime was studying and reading God's Word.

Survivors include: two sons, Ronald Alan Dalton and his wife Nancy of Republic, and William Michael Dalton and his wife Janet of Osage Beach; three daughters, Connie Edwards of California, Cathy Polly and her husband David of Eugene, and Lisa Dworaczyk and her husband Richard of Eldon; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Virginia Finney of Arkdelphia, Ark. and Nina Hall of Topeka, Kan.; and her step-father, Hershel Hoy of Palola, Kan. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and one brother, Roy Hoy.

Fellowship time will be held from 12:30-1 p.m. on Saturday, December 29, at the Fairgrounds Road Church of Christ, Jefferson City, with a memorial service following at 1 p.m. with Minister Brent Newton officiating. Her body has been cremated and private interment will take place at the Eugene Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.

Joseph (Uncle Joe) Crismon, Civil War veteran and one of the last members of his company, died at his home at Meta at 3:45 o’clock Thursday afternoon (death certificate lists date as 15 Oct 1936). He was 93 years old.

“Uncle Joe” as he was familiarly known, was born April 24, 1843, on a farm a mile and half west of Vienna in what was then Osage County and had lived in central Missouri all his life. During the Civil War, he served with the Union forces, his discharge papers showing he enlisted Aug. 15, 1862, and was discharged June 14, 1865. He was a member of Company M. Third Missouri Volunteer Cavalry.

His death leaves but one surviving member of the company, “Colonel” John Ferguson of Iberia, who during the war served as a sergeant.

Mr. Crismon was married Nov. 30, 1866, to Miss Caroline Lawson of the Lawson community in Miller County, seven children being born of this union. Mrs. Crismon died 30 years ago.

After his marriage, “Uncle Joe” lived for a time on a farm in Maries County near Vienna. Later he moved to the Lawson School community near Iberia and lived there many years. He retired from active life in 1906 and moved to Meta where he made his home with two daughters, living there until his death.

“Uncle Joe” was a member of the Methodist Church and for 50 years had been a member of the Masonic Order.

He is survived by four children, Mrs. Sadie B. Wilson of Keystone, Okla., Misses Millie and Nancy Crismon of the home, and Fred P. Crismon of Russellville. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Three children who preceded him in death are
John A., Alfretta, and William M. Crismon. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Nancy Arendall of near Brays.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 1:30 o’clock Saturday afternoon by Rev. C.M. Sooter of Tuscumbia with Masonic rites at the cemetery. Burial was in the Rowden Cemetery near Iberia.

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Mrs. Tom Hazel Bassman, a former area resident, died June 26, 1982, at a hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. The former Miss Tom Moles, she was born in Tuscumbia. She lived in Kansas City before moving to Farmington, Mich. Her husband, Lawrence Bassman, preceded her in death.

She was co-founder of the Silver Rings Mothers Club. She was a member of the Broadview Christian Church, the Ivanhoe Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and had been a member of the Miller County Women’s Club.

Surviving are a son, Harold L. Bassman, Farmington, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Olive Pike and Mrs. Ruby Brown, a former Eldon educator, both of Kansas City, Kan.; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services were held June 30 at Floral Hills Cemetery in Kansas City.

Unknown Publication, February 4, 1981

Amil Jones, 59, Raytown, MO, passed away Sunday morning, February 1 at Research Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Jones was born and lived most of his life in the Iberia area. He had lived the last 20 years in Smithton and Raytown.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Doris, and a stepson Randy.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 4 at the First Baptist Church, Smithton, with burial at Smithton. A complete obituary will be in next week’s paper.

Miller County Autogram

Memorial services for Pvt. Klauber Schlesinger, who gave his life for his country in the Italian Theatre May 12, were held at the Tuscumbia Baptist Church last Friday night. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the services.

Included in the service in memory of Klauber were the reading of his obituary and a few words by T.C. Wright, a lifelong friend of the family, special song service, prayer and scripture reading, and the messages of consolation brought by the Rev. J. Merle Bandy and Rev. Frank Chase. A quartette composed of T.C. Wright, C.O. Brockman, Wes Condra, and Rev. Bandy sang a special number. Rev. Bandy, who lost a brother in Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese sneak attack there, told the parents, relatives and friends of Klauber to turn to God for comfort in their loss.

Klauber was born on a farm near Tuscumbia Sept. 21, 1915, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schlesinger. He lived for some time at Tuscumbia when his parents moved here and attended the Tuscumbia public school. Later the family moved to Bear School District where Klauber helped his father on the farm until his first call to the service. He was rejected because of physical disabilities on his first call and then went to the state of California where he was employed in defense work until his second call came. He was accepted on his second call and entered the army in February, 1943. After receiving his basic training in this country, Klauber was sent overseas in November 1953 and saw action in North Africa and Italy.

Surviving him besides his parents are four sisters and two brothers, as follows: Mrs. Raymond (Lena) Farley, Eugene; Mrs. Charles (Olive) Wilson, San Bruno, Calif.;
Pfc. Carl Schlesinger, Frederick, Md.; Mrs. L.E. (Rosa) Jackson, Herlong, Calif.; Ruth and Leaber of the home.

**Dallis Dean Blankenship**, 67, of Iberia died Sunday, May 4, 2008, at his home. He was born Sept. 8, 1940, to William Guy and Mattie Orphelia Rowden Blankenship. On March 19, 1997, he was married in Iberia to Kathy Ann Prater, who survives at the home.

Mr. Blankenship was an Army veteran of Vietnam, where he served as a medic. He was a member of Iberia Masonic Lodge No. 410, AF and AM.

Also surviving are a sister, Linda Hodge of Iberia; a stepson, Dale Whittle and wife Jamie of Iberia; a stepdaughter, Holli Robinett and husband Shannon of Brumley; two step-grandchildren, Paige and Caleb Robinett, both of Brumley; and three nephews and a niece, Cody Hodge, Chuck Hodge, Chad Hodge and Samantha Hodge, all of Iberia.

Both of his children, Dallis Dean Blankenship Jr. and Valerie Kay Blankenship, preceded him in death as did a brother, Leroy Blankenship.

Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Greg McClain officiating. Burial and military honors will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice of America, 1191 Highway KK, Suite 102, Osage Beach, MO 65065.

**Carl Schlesinger**, 87, of Tuscumbia died at his home on the family farm Sunday, May 4, 2008. He was born Nov. 21, 1920, in Tuscumbia to Frank Sam and Mary Jane Burks Schlesinger. While stationed in Frederick, Md. With the U.S. Army he was married to Grace Summers on Sept 2, 1944. She died Aug. 28, 2002.

Mr. Schlesinger was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church, where he served as a deacon for more than 50 years and Sunday school superintendent and Sunday school teacher for more than 30 years.

Surviving are a son and his wife, Frank and Colleen Schlesinger of Tuscumbia; five daughters and their husbands: Mary Carole Luse of Springfield, Anne and George Andrews of Tuscumbia, Betsy and Larry Albertson of Dixon, Jane and Chuck Albert of Jefferson City and Kay and Danny Haralson of Lee’s Summit; a brother Leber Schlesinger of Tucson, Az.; two sisters, Rose Jackson of Eldon and Lena Farley of Sacramento, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Philip Schlesinger in 2006.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Christian Church near Tuscumbia. Bro. Gene Edwards and Bro. Charlie Worstell officiated. Burial with military honors was in Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Iberia. Memorials are suggested to Mt. Zion Christian Church, dedicated for expansion and upkeep of the sound system.

**Craig Michael Dilley**, 22, of Eldon died Saturday, May 3, 2008 at his home. He was born May 18, 1986, in Osage Beach to Danny and Crystal Hull Dilley. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Eldon.

Also surviving are three sisters and their spouses, Sandra nad Adam Brown of Tuscumbia, Jessica and Jason Bell of Lake Ozark and Angela and Tramp Rowden of Iberia; two brothers, Bradley Dilley of Eldon and Jacob Dilley of the state of California; and seven nieces and nephews.

A brother, Shawn Dilley, preceded him in death, as did his grandparents, Austin and Betty Dilley and Milford and Ruth Hull.
A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. The Rev. Ernie Miller will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Craig Dilley Memorial Fund.

**Daniel Marion Topping**, 54, of Kansas City died Thursday, May 1, 2008, surrounded by his family after a battle with lung cancer. He was born Sept. 8, 1953, in Sacramento, Calif. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald M. Topping. His mother, Nola Cannon and stepfather, David Cannon, survive.

Also surviving are a brother, Don Topping; a daughter, Sheridan Davenport; a grandson, Ryan Vanderhoff; and nephews and a niece, Josh Topping, Benn Murrell, Nick Murrell, Luke Murrell, Jaxon Topping and Nicki Topping.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Langsford Funeral Home in Lee’s Summit. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Monday at Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley.

**William C. “Bill” Hall**, 91, of Creve Coeur died Monday, May 5, 2008, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis. He was born March 15, 1917, in rural Miller County to Walter and Rachel McQuillen Hall.

Mr. Hall worked in Glazier Brothers pants factory in Eldon until going to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America. He rose from organizer to regional joint board manager and national vice president.

During World War II, he served in the 2nd Armored Tank Division or “Hell on Wheels”, retiring with the rank of first sergeant.

Surviving are two sons, Donald C. Hall of Jefferson City and Richard Hall of Republic and his long-time companion Creola Caldwell of Creve Coeur. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Sheryl Hurley of Holts Summit, Donald Hall Jr. of O’Fallon, Craig Hall of Jefferson City and Byron and Maryann Hall of Springfield; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Kathryn Cain of Eldon; and two nephews and a niece.

Two brothers and two sisters, James Hall, Harry Hall, Ruth Allen and Ina Madole, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be at noon Saturday at Ortman Stipolnovich Funeral Home in Creve Coeur. Services will follow at 1 p.m. Interment will be in Jefferson Barracks Military Cemetery in St. Louis at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.


Mr. Parkhurst served in the U.S. Army and received a Purple Heart and several other honors. He worked for Cole Quarry’s Company in Jefferson City for 48 years, where he drove heavy equipment until he retired. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church near Tuscumbia.

Surviving him are three daughters, Mary Ekstam, Shirley Hawk and Sharon Barnhart, all of Eldon; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Shirley Hendricks of Eldon. He also was preceded in death by his son, Larry Parkhurst.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Tuscumbia, with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Memorials may be made in care of the family.

**Myrna L. Roemer**, 72, of Osage Beach died Friday, April 25, 2008, at her home. She was born Aug. 3, 1936, in Catawissa to Richard and Bertha Sewell Gullet. On Aug. 31, 1961, she was married in Pascagoula, Miss., to Roland Roemer, who survives at the home.
Also surviving are three sons and their wives, Larry Roemer of Brumley, Mark and Debbie Roemer and Jeff and Mary Beth Roemer, all of Springfield; a sister, Madie Nowling of Pacific; four grandchildren, Holly, Jessica, Keith and Penny; and three great-grandchildren, Grace, Gabe and Anessa.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Lake Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Osage Beach under the direction of Hedges-Scott Funeral Home of Camdenton.

Margaret Frances Baughman, 99, of Meta, died Saturday, April 26, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born June 28, 1908, in Jefferson City to William F. and Hilda Clara Kretzschmar Baughman.

Miss Baughman retired from Kress Dime Store in Jefferson City on March 15, 1963. After retirement, she moved to Meta to live with her sister and brother-in-law, Mildred and Ellis Barnhart, to help care for her mother. She also worked on the farm.

She was baptized at an early age at the Lutheran Church in Jefferson City. She attended St. John’s Lutheran Church in Babbtown and Meta Christian Church. Surviving are her sister of St. Elizabeth and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta with the Rev. Gerald Scheperle officiating. Burial was in Southside Cemetery near Meta.

John William Wansing, 85, of Meta died Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. He was born Nov. 19, 1922, in Meta to William and Rose Twehaus Wansing. On Feb. 9, 1980, he was married in Meta to Mamie Elizabeth Scheulen Huhmann, who survives at the home.

Mr. Wansing was an Army veteran of World War II. He farmed in the Meta community most of his life. He also had a small engine repair shop in Meta and worked at the Meta MFA. He was a member of the St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta.

Also surviving are two brothers, Charles Wansing of Sedalia nad Lawrence Wansing of Meta; a sister, Betty Voss of St. Anthony; four stepsons and their wives, Charles and Ellanora Huhmann of Holts Summit, John and Adina Huhmann of the state of Oregon, Donald Huhnmann of Brazito and Dorothy and Daniel Strauss of Sedalia.

A mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta with the Rev. Mark Porterfield officiating. Burial and military honors were in St. Cecilia Cemetery under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Meta. Memorials may be made to the St. Cecilia Cemetery.

Pauline B. Seebold, 89, of Iberia, Missouri and formerly of Granite City, Illinois, passed away at 11:35 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at University Nursing and Rehabilitation in Edwardsville. She was born March 15, 1919, in Mary’s Home, Missouri, a daughter of the late Charles and Myrtle (Morgan) Burnett. She married William H. “Bill” Seebold on July 2, 1938 and he preceded her in death on February 1, 2007.

Mrs. Seebold, known to the boat racing community across the U.S. as “Grandma” Seebold, along side of her late husband owned and operated Granite City Boat and Motor in Granite City for 36 years and retired in 1973 when they relocated to their 195 acre farm in Iberia, Missouri.

She was a dedicated member of the First Baptist Church in Iberia and will be remembered for always having a smile and glad to see everyone.

She is survived and will dearly be missed by one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Lynne Seebold, Jr. of Fenton, Missouri; one daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Michael Gillis of Edwardsville; five grandchildren and their spouses, Mike and Lori Seebold of Marco Island, Florida, Kim and Nick Dochwat of Troy, Illinois, Tim and Debbie Seebold of Osage Beach, Missouri, Cathy and Dennis Reising of Haml, Billy Seebold III of Denver, Colorado; four great-
grandchildren, Adam (Chrystal) Bernaix, Haley Dochwat, Cally Reising, Katy Reising; one brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Dorothy Burnett of Montgomery, Alabama; one sister, Irene Belshe of Granite City; many nieces, nephews, other extended family and friends.

In addition to her beloved husband of 68 years and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Burnett, Sr.

In celebration of her life, visitation will be at Irwin Chapel, 591 Glen Crossing Road in Glen Carbon on Monday, April 28, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. where funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be made to Legacy Powerboat Ministry, P.O. Box 373, Evinston, Florida 32633 and may be accepted at the funeral home.

Fae Berry, 92, of Eldon died Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Eldon Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was born Sept. 27, 1915, in Union County, Illinois, to Robert and Rosa Barringer Hankla. In 1949, she was married in Dallas, Texas, to Karl Berry, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Berry was a member of the Eastern Star and the Northridge Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas.

Surviving are a niece, Bobette Griffith of Eldon; a nephew, Kenneth Crowder of Casper, Wyo.; and six great-nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Cemetery in Dallas, Texas, with the Rev. Roger Quillin officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Eldon.

Carolyn Elizabeth Hook, 56, of Barnett died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born Dec. 9, 1951, in California, Mo., to the late Arthur and Mary Brown Hodel.

Mrs. Hook is survived by a son, Brian James Hook of Versailles; four daughters, Elizabeth Elliott of Amazonia, Sherry Hodel and Chrissy Hook, both of Barnett, and Amber Mills of Windsor; 15 grandchildren; four brothers, John Cooper, Del Cooper, Russell Cooper and Raymond Cooper, all of Eldon; and two sisters, Bessie Cooper of California, Mo., and Mary Jean Wall of Iowa.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, with services immediately following. Burial will be in Eldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Carolyn Hook Memorial Fund.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Saturday, April 26, 2008

Warren Helton, 81, Advance, North Carolina, died Thursday, April 24, 2008, in Winston Salem, N.C.

Survivors include: his wife, orma Helton of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Brent W. and Merrillyn Helton, Advance, N.C.; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Helen Mathews, Eldon; and one sister-in-law, Nellie Helton, Jefferson City. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2008, at First Baptist Church, Eldon. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, April 25, 2008

Gerald Leon Strange, age 67, of Kansas City, Kan., died Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at his home. He was born April 12, 1940, in Eldon, the son of Jesse Leonard Strange and Viola Grace Ledbetter.
He served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1961. He was a member of the Legion Post 199 in Kansas City, Kan. He was employed with the Missouri Department of Transportation, and he retired from Sturges’ Stone and Material in 2003.

We loved him for his infectious laugh that could light up any day, his wonderful sense of humor and his great zest for life.

Survivors include: one son, Brian L. Strange, Kansas City, MO.; one daughter of Jefferson City; his father, Leonard Strange of the Missouri Veterans Home, St. James; two brothers Donald Strange and his wife Glenda of Dittmer, Truman Strange of Eldon; one sister, Grace Kallenbach of Russellville; two granddaughters, Anna Strange and Katelyn Strange of Kansas City, Mo.; one grandson of Jefferson City; five nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Strange of Eldon.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rt. AA, Russellville, with interment to follow at Dulle Cemetery, Eldon.

Helen B. Curtis, 80, of Eldon, Mo., died Wednesday, April 23, 2008, in Eldon, Mo.

Survivors include: her husband, Carl T. Curtis of the home, one daughter, Kay Gonzalez; two sons, Danny Curtis and David Curtis; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Kathleen Meyer; and two brothers, Ralph Hubbs and Donald Hubbs.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, April 27, 2008, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, April 28, 2008, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2008 at Dry Fork Cemetery, Salem, Mo.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, April 24, 2008

Owen Cordell Street, 80, of Dixon died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Dixon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Aug. 18, 1927, in Maries County to Victor David and Arminta McMinn Street.

Mr. Street owned and operated Street Timber Products. He had previously been in the trucking business. He also had worked for Hauck Oil and at Ft. Leonard Wood for three years. He was a member of the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department and the Hancock Christian Church.

Surviving are his close friend, Shirley Kaiser of Dixon, and her family, Roberta Long and husband Robert of Ava and their family, Katherine Bivins and husband Gary of Pecatonica, Ill., and their family, Nancy Schmitz and husband Boone of Westphalia and their family, and Sally Schneider and husband Wayne of Linn and their family; a sister-in-law, Berry (Delmar) Street of Crocker; and four nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hancock Christian Church in Hancock with Pastor Gary Day officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Homes. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Leonard Anton Herigon, 70, of St. Thomas died Monday, April 21, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. He was born Dec. 31, 1937, in St. Thomas to Lawrence and Caroline Wieberg Herigon. On June 17, 1967, he was married in St. Elizabeth to Marjorie Ann Rehagen, who survives at the home.

Mr. Herigon worked for 36 years in the shipping department at Von Hoffman Press, retiring on Dec. 31, 2002. He was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

Also surviving are a son, Roger Herigon and wife Darla of Meta; three daughters and their husbands, Rose and David “Abe” Holtmeyer of St. Anthony, Ruth and James Frank of Westphalia and Rita and Tony Ponder of Iberia; 11 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; three brothers, Harold Groner of Jefferson City, Lloyd Herigon and Darrell “Casper” Herigon, both of St. Thomas; and three sisters, Irene Boessen and Viola Boessen, both of St. Thomas, and Jane Bax of St. Elizabeth.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at ST. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in St. Thomas with the Rev. Mark Porterfield officiating. Burial will be in the St. Thomas Cemetery under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Meta. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Bonnie Jean Lyles Roberts, 51, of Eugene died Friday, April 18, 2008, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center in Tusculumia. She was born July 25, 1956, in Detroit, Mich., to the late Dewey and Monteen Hall Lyles.

Surviving her are her significant other, Sam Bittle of the home; two daughters, Beth Hayes and Becky Horton, both of Missouri; a son, Benjamin Hewitt of Florida; six grandchildren; and a brother, Bob Lyles of Alabama.

Visitation was held from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday with services immediately following at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Pastor Chris Reynolds officiated. Burial will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Native American Reservation.

Shirley L. Miller, 75, of St. Elizabeth died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at her home. She was born Aug. 28, 1932, in St. Elizabeth to William A. and Elsie Bailey Grosvenor. In 1951, she was married in Elwood, Ind., to Robert E. Miller, who died Nov. 9, 1990. Mrs. Miller was a member of Humphreys Creek Christian Church.

Surviving are a son and his wife, Charles W. and Connie Miller of St. Elizabeth; three step-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. A son, Donald Miller, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorials may be made to Humphrey’s Creek Christian Church.

Agnes Strope, 100, of St. Thomas died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at the Westphalia Retirement Center. She was born Aug. 17, 1907, in St. Thomas to John and Catherine Wankum Luebbering. On Feb 15, 1927, she was married in St. Thomas to Henry Strope, who died Oct 20, 1960.

Mrs. Strope worked as a housekeeper at the priest’s rectory in St. Thomas. She was a member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, St. Ann’s Sewing Circle and the St. Ann’s Socality.

Surviving are a son and his wife, Leonard and Kathy Strope of St. Thomas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Bernice and George Pope of Koeltztown and Dorothy Berhorts of Westphalia; a brother, Joseph Luebbering of St. Thomas; 26 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant daughters.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Thomas the Apostle Church with the Rev. Mark Porterfield officiating. Burial will be in the St. Thomas Cemetery under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Meta. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Anna Gertrude Bruner, 97, of Plains, Mont., died at Clark Fort Valley Nursing Home in Plains on Saturday, March 15, 2008. She was a former long-time resident of Eldon. She was born April 17, 1910, in Glascow to Clara K. and George Stockman. She was married Sept. 20, 1942, in Louisville, Ky., to Howard Bruner, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bruner was employed in the office of the late Dr. Carl T. Buehler and the late E.O. Shelton. She retired Jan. 1, 1985. In October 1994, she moved to Thompson Falls, Mont., and lived in The Manor until moving into the nursing home in June 2004.

She is survived by a son, Smith S. Bruner and wife Evelyn of Thompson Falls, Mont.; two grandsons, Steven of Livingston, Mont., and Michael and wife Michelle of Wilber, Wash.;
Elizabeth C. Tising, age 98, of Eldon, died Friday, April 18, 2008, in Eldon.
Survivors include: one son, Larry C. McGill Sr.; two grandchildren, Cori Beth McGill and Larry C. McGill Jr.; two step-grandchildren, James G. O’Connor and S. Patrick O’Connor; and several nieces and nephews.
Visitation will be held from 1:30-2:30 on Sunday, April 20, at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the High Point Cemetery, High Point, with Bro. Bob Hoskins officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Eldon.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, April 17, 2008
Justin A. Schulte, 68, of Eugene died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at his home. He was born Nov. 18, 1939, in Miller County, MO, to Lambert W. and Elizabeth R. (Doerhoff) Schulte. On April 24, 1965, he was married in Jefferson City, MO, to Betty A. (Talken) Schulte, who survives of the home.
Mr. Schulte served in the United States Army. He worked for Woolworth Department Store, he drove a truck for MFA Oil Company in Eugene, MO, was a poultry farmer for Cargill, Inc., drove a school bus for the Eugene School District for twenty-nine years, and was a lifelong farmer and retired in 2001. He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church of Mary’s Home, MO. He served as president of Our Lady of the Snows Parish Council, school board, and Credit Union. He also was a volunteer fire fighter for the Eugene District and former member of the Eugene City Council. Most importantly he enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren and friends.
Also surviving him are three daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Donnie Lepper of Brazito, MO, Patsy and Sid Blomberg of St. Anthony, MO, and Missy and Charlie Beck of Mary’s Home, MO; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronnie Schulte of Mary’s Home, MO, and Roger and Laura Schulte of Brazito, MO; grandchildren: Nicole, Stephanie, Justin, Jonathan Lepper, Derek, Aaron Blomberg, Alex, Andrew, Aiden Schulte, Sam, Sara Beck; two sisters, Fredonia Arens of Springfield, MO, and Josephine Schwaller of Mary’s Home, MO; and two brothers, Norbert Schulte of Barnett, MO, and Robert Schulte of Jefferson City, MO.
Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home in Mary’s Home, MO, with the Rosary prayed at 3 p.m. and a Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2008, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home, MO, with the Rev. Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Burial will be in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Mary’s Home, MO with full military honors presented graveside by VFW Post 2442 of Eldon, MO. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church or the American Lung Association.
Edna Miller, 87, of Brumley died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center near Tusculum. She was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Schell City to James Nellie Mauss Dunn. On May 29, 1942, she was married to Eddie Miller, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Miller worked for the L.B. Coat Factory in Iberia for 20 years. She was a member of the Brumley Christian Church.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth Miller and wife Diana of Raymore and Harold Miller of Brumley; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley. Arrangements were under the direction of Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach.

Zella Elizabeth Barr, 89, of Iberia died Monday, April 14, 2008, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center near Tusculum. She was born Dec. 7, 1918, in Iberia to David F. and Mary Ann Gray Bailey. On June 29, 1949, she was married to Gilford William “Gip” Barr, who died Sept. 15, 1973.

Mrs. Barr lived in the Iberia community most of her life and was a teacher in many Miller County schools. She was a member of Fariview Christian Church near Iberia. A sister, Jewell Hixenbaugh of Iberia survives.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Freddie Earp officiating. Burial was in Jarrett Cemetery near Iberia.

Norbert J. Massman, 87, of Wesphalia, formerly of St. Elizabeth, died Sunday, April 6, 2008, at the Westphalia Retirement Center. He was born Oct. 23, 1926, in Meta to William and Mary Lueckenhoff Massman.

Mr. Massman attended the Schanzmeyer School in Meta. He farmed on the family farm near St. Elizabeth where he was born and raised. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

Surviving are a brother, Joseph Massman of Wesphalia, and a sister, Dorothy Brenneke of Jefferson City. He also is survived by nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth with the Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB, officiating. Burial was in St. Lawrence Cemetery under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of St. Elizabeth. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Gary David Warner, 67, of Dixon, died Friday, March 28, 2008, at the University Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. He was born June 5, 1940, the son of Melvin and Fern (Bull) Warner. On June 26, 1992, in St. Robert, he was united in marriage to Linda Joyce Helton, who survives of the home.

Mr. Warner was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4956 in Crocker. He was the owner of Pulaski County Realty.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother-in-law, Martha Helton of Crocker; two sons, Kenneth and Josh Warner, both of Dixon; one step-son, Joe Luethen of Crocker; two brothers, Mike and Larry Warner, both of Dixon; two sisters, Joyce Hayes of Dixon and Susie Nelson of the state of Wyoming and three grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 31, in the Long-Gilbert Funeral Home, Bro. Rick Smith officiated. Interment with full military honors was at Bethany Cemetery, Crocker, under the direction of the Long-Gilbert Funeral Home.
Raymond L. Long, 75, of Eldon died Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at Good Shephert Care Center in Versailles. He was born Aug. 2, 1932, in Clear Lake, Minn., to Leo and Myrtle Grimsley Long. He was married Dec. 22, 1984, in Manhattan, Kan., to Jessie Halderman, who survives at the home.

Mr. Long served the country in the U.S. Army and Marine Corps, where he received the Purple Heart. He worked as a heavy equipment operator in Seattle, Wash.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tamara DecoTeau of BelCourt, N.D.; two sisters, Marjorie Thompson of Ames, Iowa, and Shirley Waddell of Des Moines, Iowa; six grandchildren, Jimmie Long, Kateri Long, Billie Jean McInteer, Michael McInteer, Ancela McKenna and Elizabeth Pickering.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Brumley Baptist Church in Brumley. The family received friends from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to time for services. Arrangements were under the direction of Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach.

Ruby Lee Phillips, age 87, of California, MO, died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at Moniteau Care Center in California, MO. She was born May 15, 1920 in California, MO, the daughter of Denver and Stella Allee Jennison. She was married May 25, 1940, in Union, MO, to Dwight Phillips, who preceded her in death on December 15, 2002.

She graduated from Aurora High School. She was a homemaker and enjoyed raising brids. She was a member of First Baptist Church in California, MO.

Survivors include: two sons, Dwight E. Phillips and his wife Patricia of California, MO, and Ronald Phillips and his wife Susan of Jefferson City, MO; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Elda Lehman and Lola Pawlek.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008, at Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Services in California, MO. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 208 South Oak Street, California, MO 65018.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Services in California, MO.

Gerald Clifford Sullens, age 72, of Lebanon, died Thursday, May 15, 2008, in Springfield. Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Gwen Sullens of Eldon; two grandchildren; one brother, Dale Sullens of Eldon; and three sisters, Ruby Sheehan of Joplin, Candy Ruiz of Eldon, and Marie Belben of Bashor, Kan.

His body has been cremated and private interment at the Olean Cemetery will be held at a later date. A memorial service with full military honors provided by the VFW Post 2442, Eldon, will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, at the Eastside Assembly of God Church. Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.

Joseph Thomas Luetkemeyer, 71, Jasper, Texas, died Sunday, May 11, 2008, at Harbor Hospital of Southeast, Texas in Orange, Texas. A graduate of St. Elizabeth High School, Mr. Luetkemeyer received a master’s degree from St. Louis University. He taught school for more than 42 years, 29 of which were at Jasper Independent School District.

Surviving are his wife, Mary of the home; one son, Victor Luetkemeyer and wife Krystie of Pineland, Texas; two daughters and their husbands, Jennifer Rose and Wes Wood of Jacksonville, Fla., and Lucy Jane and T.J. Alexander of Conroe, Texas; four sisters, Vi Jurgensmeyer of Tipton, Lenore Bax of Broken Arrow, Okla., Helen Butterfield of Neosho and
Pat Oidtman of Jefferson City; and two grandchildren, Blake Andrew and Austin Bradley Alexander. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Earl Luetkemeyer.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2008, at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Jasper, Texas, with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008, at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

Oliver “Ollie” Jenkins, 87, of Bell Gardens, Calif., died May 3, 2008. He was born March 23, 1921, in Ulman to Arthur E. and Minnie Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins spent his childhood in the Ulman Community and moved to Bell Gardens, Calif., in 1929, where he met and married Lois Lineberger, his wife of 66 years who survives.

Two daughters, Bennie Zlutker and Bonnie Michalek and siblings, Ruby Kemp, Carl Jenkins and Gene Jenkins preceded him in death.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sisters Ethel Wertz, Eunice Ogilbee, Dorothy Edwards, Helen Martin and Tracey Wilm and brother Curtis Jenkins.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25, at Jackson Cemetery near Ulman. Bro. Gene Edwards will conduct the service.


He was employed in the maintenance department with St. Mary’s Health Center for 10 years, retiring in 1989. He also worked for 23 ½ years for Emil Oligschlaeger as a truck driver. He also worked for N.O. Nelson Co. and Capital Supply for a combined seven years. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Leon and Rita Buschjost of Holts Summit and Daniel Buschjost of Jefferson City; four grandchildren, Jason Buschjost, Jodie Earney, Jennifer Buschjost and Greg Buschjost; and four great-grandchildren, Todd and Carli Buschjost and Christopher and Dawson Earney.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the St. Elizabeth Community Center with a rosary recited at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Friday at the center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Francis D. Stuart, OSB, officiating. Burial will be in St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Dulles-Trimble Funeral Home of Jefferson City. Memorials may be made to the parish cemetery fund.

Dolores E. Stover, 71, of Camdenton died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born Jan. 20, 1937, in St. Elizabeth to Herman and Emma Huhmann Doerhoff. She was married to O. Dean Stover who survives of the home.

Mrs. Stover graduated from ST. Mary’s Hospital School of Nursing. She and her husband owned Stover Carpet and Drapery in Camdenton. She was a member of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church and was a golfer at Lake Valley Golf and Country Club.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Kevin Stover of Camdenton; four daughters and their husbands, Karen Daivs of Linn Creek, Stacey and Steve Polton of Columbia, Kirsta and Darin Shackleford of Camdenton and Gwen and Marcus Helm of Springdale, Ark.; grandchildren Kurtis Korey, Cody, Ryan, Niki, Tanner and Madison; two brothers and seven sisters.

Visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m. Friday at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Camdenton. Funeral services will follow. Burial will be in Hedges Cemetery in Camdenton.
under the direction of Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Camdenton. Memorials may be made to the Educational Trust for the Grandchildren of Dolores E. Stover at First National Bank.

Dallas “Sonny” Gilmore, Jr., 46, of Eugene died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at his home. He was born April 7, 1962, in Columbia to Brad Gilmore and Susan Clevenger. On Oct. 28, 1989, he was married to Kimberly Lyles.

Surviving are his wife of Jefferson City; three daughters, Leah Russell and husband Kyle, Tasha Gilmore and Sonya Gilmore, all of Jefferson City; his father, Bradley Gilmore of Columbia; his mother, Susan Clevenger of Jefferson City; and a brother, Gary Gilmore of Jefferson City.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon with Pastor John Kirby officiating. Burial was in Eugene Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Dallas Gilmore Memorial Fund.

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James Harvey McGowin, 77, of Ulman died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at his home. He was born in Bagnell on January 31, 1931, a son of the late Joshua and Frata (Griggs) McGowin. On January 1, 1950, at Bagnell Baptist Church, he was married to Evelyn Jean Reed, who survives at the home.

James began his ministry at Brumley Christian Church. He then ministered at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church and Ulman Christian Church. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, woodworking, and spending time with his family.

Others who survive him include: one daughter, Joy Thomas and husband Lowell of Ulman; one son, James H. McGowin and wife Susan of Columbia; two grandchildren, Jodi Veasman and Jonna Massie, both of Ulman; four great-grandchildren, Gretchen Hawk, Allyson Donleey, Olivia Massie and Jacob Veasman; two sisters, Kathryn Ryan and Nellie McGraw; and one brother, Joshua McGowin, Jr. Two brothers, Buck and Danny L. McGowin, also preceded him in death.

Visitation was from 2-3 p.m. Sunday, May 11, with services immediately following at 3 p.m. at the Ulman Christian Church. Bro. Gene Edwards, Bro. Ralph Byrd and Bro. Charlie Caldwell officiated. Interment was in Riley-Lamm Cemetery near Lake Ozark. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ulman Christian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Eldon.

Glen Dale Witt, 86, of Barnett died Friday, May 9, 2008, in Jefferson City. He was born Sept. 1, 1921, near Ulman to William Witt and Vadie Workman Witt. He was married May 17, 1947, in Eldon to Marjorie (Forrest) Witt, who survives at the home.

Years ago he accepted Christ as his Savior and was of the Assembly of God faith. He woked at a pants factory, along with farming. Surviving him in addition to his wife are four sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Hazel Witt, Ronnie and Bobbie Witt, George and Kim Witt and Jerry and Dalphne Witt, all of Barnett; a sister, Vernie Witt of Tuscumbia; a half brother, Larry Witt of O’Fallon; 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Dan Duckworth officiating. Burial was in Eldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Henry G. Stark, 66, of Eldon died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at his home. He was born June 24, 1941, in Tuscumbia to William and Mattie Dixon Stark. On May 25, 1961, he was married in Eldon to Mary Jane Hurtubise, who survives at the home. Mr. Stark was a self-employed welder.

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In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Henry Stark, Harold Stark and Daniel Stark, all of Eldon; a daughter, Martha Holloway of Eldon; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Elijah Stark of Bonner Springs, Kan., and Paul Stark of Gardner, Kan.; and four sisters, Arzena Nixdorf of Ulman, Dolly Jobe of Centralia, Birdie Krupco and Della June, both of Kansas City, Kan.

There are no memorial services planned at this time. Memorial contributions are suggested to SSM Hospice, 520 Ellis Blvd., Suite N, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Elnora Isabelle Carson Smoot, 77, of Brumley died Saturday, May 10, 2008, at Lake Ozark Retirement Center. She was born Feb. 14, 1931, in Granite City, Ill., to Patrick W. and Mary A. Unfried Carson. In 1956, she was married in Granite City to Franklin T. Smoot, who died August 1980. Mrs. Smoot had worked as a nurse’s aide and was of the Nazarene faith.

Surviving are her five children and their spouses: Joseph F. and Kathy Smoot, Patrick C. Smoot and Franklin T.H. and Linda Smoot, all of Brumley, Lisa A. Smoot Gray of Granite City, Ill., and Rita C. Smoot Rowden and husband Mark of Camdenton; a sister, Rita Ann Carson Morris of Granite City, Ill.; eight grandchildren, Beth Ann, Jeremy, Tony, Kelli, Jonathan, Andrew, Nathaniel and Sydney; and five great-grandchildren, Rosie, Jessica, Tristan, Dylan and Brenna Ann.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with Pastor Cliff Simmons officiating. Burial was in Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley. Memorials may be made to Hawkins Cemetery.

John Clinton Stafford, 80, of Crocker died Monday, May 5, 2008, at St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. He was born July 28, 1927, in Theodosia to George Victor and Lilly Susie Friend Stafford. He was married July 19, 1954, at Belton, Texas to Beverly Jean Sherman, who survives of the home.

Mr. Stafford was a member of the Concord Christian Church in Crocker, the Plano Chapter of the Eastern Star No. 240, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4956 in Crocker, the Odd Fellows Lodge in Crocker and the Disabled Veterans Chapter 49 in Waynesville. He retired on April 30, 1970, from the U.S. Army as a heavy equipment operator, serving 20 years. He attained the rank of first sergeant. He later was a farmer in Pulaski County.

Also surviving are two sons, Steven Stafford and Fred Stafford, both of Crocker, three grandchildren, Zacherey Stafford, John Q.S. Stafford and Star Stafford; and four great-grandchildren, Conner Stafford, Christopher Neal, Clinton Stafford and Larissa Stafford.

Masonic, Eastern Star, VFW and DAV services were held at 9 a.m. Friday, May 9, at Long Funeral Home in Crocker. Funeral services followed at 10 a.m. with Pastor Lee Todd and Pastor Roy Gilkey officiating. Burial with full military honors was in Concord Cemetery in Crocker. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.


Miss Carrender was currently in her junior year at Eugene Cole R-V High School in Eugene. She was active in school activities, playing on the volleyball team, was a member of Future Business Leaders of America and was in the school choir and the school pep club, Ragdolls. She worked in the taxation division of the Missouri Department of Revenue and also did photo modeling for JP Gallery. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Honey Creek.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a sister and her husband, Deidra and Nick Borgmeyer of Jefferson City; her brother, Chance Carrender of the home; her paternal
grandmother, Martha Carrender of Jefferson City; her maternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Bollinger of Henley and Ralph and Lynda Mueller of Jefferson City; her maternal step-great-grandmother, Anola Bowerman of Cape Girardeau; and her boyfriend, Josh Lage of Mary’s Home.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church at Honey Creek. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of Houser-Millard Funeral Home in Jefferson City. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**Lena M. Bear**, 96, of Eldon, died Sunday evening, May 11 at the Lee House in Eldon. She was born at Bagnell on Sept. 27, 1911, to Will and Bessie Lupardus Brown. On Sept. 14, 1933, she was married to Arthur S. Bear of Tuscumbia, who preceded her in death in March 2006.

Mrs. Bear was a graduate of Tuscumbia High School. The couple resided in Tuscumbia for several years, operating a fishing camp on the Osage River, and later a grocery business. At the conclusion of the war in 1945, they bought the Sanitary Market and moved to Eldon. Mrs. Bear assisted with the business and was active in community affairs. She was a member of the Eldon United Methodist Church. Mrs. Bear was also a member and past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star. She was a leader in the PTA. As president of the Friends of Music, she led a successful drive to raise money for new high school band uniforms. She was also a member of Euterpean Club, Eldon Garden Club, Eldon Country Club and past president of the Business and Professional Women’s Club.

Surviving are: a daughter, Sandra Shelton and her husband David of Rolla; a son, William Bear, and his wife Regina of Seattle, Wash.; grandchildren Marc Shelton, MD, and wife Teressa of Springfield, Ill.; James Shelton MD, and wife DeeDee of Jefferson City, Travis Bear and wife Kacy of Seattle, Wash.; and Courtney Bear of Seatrtle, Wash.; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Lucille Brightwell and Doris Porter of Osage Beach.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, followed by a funeral service at 2:30 p.m. Burial will be at the Tuscumbia Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eldon United Methodist Church or The Miller County Historical Society.

**Jeanne M. Harrison**, 78, of St. Elizabeth died Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born Oct. 16, 1929, in St. Louis to Harry and Viola Jones Anderson. In May 1951, she was married in Springfield, Ill., to Tom Karaianis, who died in October 1990. On Nov. 10, 1970, she was married in Quincy, Ill., to Frank Harrison, who died Nov. 2, 1997.

Mrs. Harrison was a founding member of the St. Elizabeth First Baptist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John T. Karainis of Taylorville, Ill., and Tom E. and Kathy Karainis of Springfield, Ill.; a daughter, Mitzi Amos of Eldon; two sisters, Brenda DePuy of Manassas, VA, and Angie Anderson of Jefferson City; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth. Services will follow at 11 a.m. with the Rev. David Visser officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Tuscumbia.

**Julia Pope Spearman**, 94, of Fulton died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Fulton Nursing and Rehab Center. She was born May 11, 1914, near Brumley to Thomas Frank and Nancy Maude Pope Spearman.

Miss Spearman moved to Callaway County in 1931. She attended grade school in the rural schools of Miller County and was a graduate of Fulton High School. She worked as a sales clerk at several Fulton stores as well as being employed by the Missouri School for the Deaf as a supervisor. She also wrote for a heritage magazine in Miller County for several years. She was
active in the OATS bus organization from the beginning and was selected as OATS volunteer of the Year in 1991 and again in 2005. She was an active member of the Southside Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for many years.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Debo Funeral Home, 833 Court St., Fulton. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Southside Baptist Church in Fulton with Dr. Ron Baker officiating. Burial will be in Callaway Memorial Gardens.


Flossie V. Callison, age 89, of Eldon, died Friday, May 23, 2008, at Eldon Nursing and Rehabilitation in Eldon. She was born December 8, 1918, at Bagnell, Mo., the daughter of Henry Lemuel and Rebecca Conner Strange. She was united in marriage on July 25, 1942 with Gene D. Callison, who preceded her in death on September 22, 1995.

Mrs. Callison was a homemaker, member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, and a 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a veteran of World War II and served active in the WAAC from June 15, 1943 to August 8, 1943, and then the U.S. Army from August 9, 1943 to December 6, 1945.

She is survived by one daughter, Jeannie Westerfield and husband Don of Savage, Minn.; two sons, Michael Callison and wife Carol of Barnett, and Steve Callison and wife Teresa of Eldon; three brothers, Glen Strange of Bagnell, Jerry Strange of Eldon, and Forrest Strange of Newport News, Va.; one sister, Lorraine Anderson of Lebanon; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by 10 siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Military honors and interment will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Barnett. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

Dolores E. Stover, age 71, of Camdenton, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at the Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach, Missouri. She was born January 20, 1937, in St. Elizabeth, Missouri, a daughter of the late Herman and Emma (Huhmann) Doerhoff.

Dolores was united in marriage on September, 26, 1959, to O’Dean Stover, who survives of the home. She graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing. She, along with her husband, owned Stover Carpet & Drapery in Camdenton, was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and a golfer at Lake Valley Golf and Country Club. She enjoyed playing bridge and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband O’Dean of the home; one son, Kevin Stover of Camdenton, Missouri; four daughters, Karen Davis of Linn Creek, Missouri and children Kurtis and Korey, Stacey Polton and husband Steve of Columbia, Missouri and son Cody, Krista Shackelford and husband Darin of Camdenton, Missouri and children Ryan and Niki, Gwen Heim and husband Marcus of Springdale, Arkansas and Tanner and Madison; two brothers, seven sisters, and many nieces and nephews and dear friends. Family and friends will remember her for her enthusiasm for life and enjoyment of every adventure presented to her.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Camdenton, Missouri. Burial was in the Hedges Cemetery in Camdenton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Educational Trust for the Grandchildren of Dolores E. Stover at First National Bank. Arrangements were under the direction of the Hedges-Scott Funeral Home, Camdenton, Missouri.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Mrs. Marcella C. Schell Wright, age 86 years, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Sunday, May 25, 2008, at the Capital Region Medical Center. Mrs. Wright was born January 16, 1922, in
Eugene, Mo., the daughter of Emil M. and Tillie J. Luetkemeyer Schell, both deceased. She was married November 27, 1952, in Mary's Home, Mo. to Bamber H. Wright, who survives at the home.

A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Marcella was a 1939 graduate of Eugene High School and attended Draughton Business College in Springfield, Mo. She was employed with Curtiss Wright Manufacturing during World War II. She was later employed by the Missouri Automobile Dealers Association, the Missouri Conservation Commission, and retired from the Cole County Circuit Court in 1989. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City, Mo.

She enjoyed following politics and was an avid University of Missouri football, basketball and St. Louis Cardinals supporter. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, but most importantly, spending time with her family.

Other survivors include: two sons, Philip B. Wright and his wife, Sue of University City, Mo. and Jack S. Wright and his wife, Tessa of Jefferson City, Mo.; one daughter, Ann Wright McInerny and her husband, William of Lee's Summit, Mo.; one brother, Samuel Schell and his wife, Lori of Rancho Mirage, California; four grandsons and four granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bud Schell in 1990.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City, Mo. with the Reverend Benjamin Nwosu officiating. Graveside services and interment will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Tuscumbia Cemetery, Tuscumbia, Missouri. Visitation will be at Freeman Mortuary from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday with a prayer service to be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Freeman Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Helias Foundation, P.O. Box 694, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

Miller County Autogram, unknown date

Rheumatism and complications caused the death of Mary Jean Kellison, 10, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M.O. Kellison, 414 North Fifth Street, shortly before 6 o’clock Saturday evening.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o’clock tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at the Christian Church. All available members of the Atchison Ministerial Association will take part in the services. The Rev. W.R. McCormack, pastor of the Methodist Church, will preach the sermon, assisted by the Rev. B.H. Smith, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church; the Rev. O.K. Davis, Presbyterian pastor and the Rev. J.A. SanDeFur, pastor of the Baptist Church. The body will be removed from the Kellison residence at 12:30 o’clock Tuesday to lie in state in the church until the hour of the funeral. The casket will not be opened after the services start. Burial will take place in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Stanton & Stanton are in charge.

Mary Jean was born in the Christian Church parsonage at Republic, MO., January 20, 1922, and came to Atchison with her parents from Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 1927.

She had spent all of her school life in Atchison attending the Franklin School until this year when she enrolled in the fifth grade at the Roosevelt School. She was a bright and popular pupil and enjoyed unusual activities for one of her age outside of class hours.

She joined the Christian Church on Mother’s Day, 1930, being baptized by her father, and last year was president of the junior church organization. She was pianist in her school orchestra, a member of Miss Joyce Wentz’s chorus that has been practicing for an appearance in Kansas City, and was to have played with a trio before the Roosevelt Parent Teacher Association Saturday evening. She had organized and was president of a sewing circle composed of girls of her own age.
She is survived by her parents; by twin sisters, Kathryn Louise and Elizabeth Lee Kellison, 8; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Thompson, Dixon, Mo.; and her paternal grandfather, William Kellison, Vienna, MO.

The Iberia Sentinel, June 29, 1944

Mrs. Dave Condra, widow of the late David H. Condra of Iberia, passed away last Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Rice in Springfield, Mo., with whom she had been making her home during her long illness. About 18 months ago she underwent a major operation in the amputation of her leg, due to an infection which spread over the entire limb. Later she suffered a stroke and her condition gradually grew worse until the end.

Mrs. Condra was one of Miller County’s most highly esteemed women. She and her husband reared their family on a farm near Iberia and their memory is highly cherished by many of the Sentinel readers.

Obituary:

Emma Smith Condra passed away in Springfield Thursday morning, June 22nd at the age of 73 years, 2 months and 20 days after a lingering illness. She was the last survivor of a family of six children.

Mrs. Condra was born in Pulaski County not far from the present site of Iberia and spent all her life in Miller and Pulaski Counties with the exception of the last year and a half when she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Rice, 936 North Campbell, Springfield, MO.

At an early age she affiliated with the Iberia Christian Church and on November 1??1 (copy not clear) she was united in marriage with David H. Condra, one of the pioneer settlers in the Iberia community. Mr. Condra departed this life March 31, 1931.

Surviving are two sons, Everett A. Condra of Jefferson City, Clate Condra of Iberia, and one daughter, Mrs. Robert E. Rice of Springfield as well as nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Adams & Casey Funeral Home in Iberia Saturday afternoon with Rev. W. E. Wadell (? copy not clear) of Crocker officiating. Burial was in Iberia Cemetery under direction of Adams and Casey Funeral Home.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, May 29, 2008

Roy Andrew Bear, 71, of Grandview died Friday, May 23, 2008, at Kindred Hospital in Kansas City. He was born Oct. 27, 1936, in Tuscumbia to George William and Jennie Roberts Bear. On April 6, 1959, he was married in Kansas City to Doris Lucille Myers, who survives at the home.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Bear of Grandview; a granddaughter, Jesse Bear of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and other family members.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with Bro. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Hickory Point Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Ora “Tom” Ash, 84, of Brumley died Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. He was born May 10, 1924, in Brumley to Clint and Lola Phillips Ash. On Oct. 5, 1945, he was married in Brumley to Billie Darlene Robinett, who died Oct. 12, 1986.

Mr. Ash was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked at Stanton’s Novelty in Lake Ozark until his retirement.

Surviving are a daughter and her husband, Penny and Charles Allee of Brumley; two sons and their wives, Lesley and Cindy Ash of Brumley and Jessey and Debbie Ash of Ieria; a daughter-in-law, Billie Ash of Brumley; a friend, Delphia Sons of Brumley; two brothers, Webb Ash of Eldon and Curt Ash of Brumley; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. A son, Wesh Ash, died in 1993.
Visitation will be held from noon until 1 p.m. Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Dennis Nichols officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley. Memorials may be made to the Ora “Tom” Ash Memorial Fund.

**Nellie J. Clark**, 75, of Iberia died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at her home. She was born March 3, 1933, in Brumley to Everett and Marcella Brown Maylee. On Nov. 9, 1948, she was married in Benton to Carroll Junior Clark, who died July 5, 2001. Mrs. Clark attended the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Betty and Bob Barker of Benton and Shirley and Ernie Wilson of Iberia; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Howard and Wanda Clark of Camdenton and Ronnie Clark of Sedalia; a brother, Junior Maylee of Montgomery City; a sister, Anna Lucy Robinett of Iberia; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Mike, Kevin and Scotty Wilson, Janet Wieberg, Tina Kraft and Tammy Blankenship; nine great-grandchildren, Makayla Barker, Levi and Lacey Wilson, Katie and Megan Wilson, Megan Jones, Cody Kraft, Chase Blankenship and Madison Blankenship and a great-grandson, Chance Wilson.

Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 2 p.m. with Bro. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Cemetery near Ulman. Memorials may be made to Jackson Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web, May 31, 2008

**Alvin Willard Ewan**, age 81, of Dixon, died Friday, May 30, 2008, at his home. He was born in Cherokee, Kansas, on March 19, 1927, son of Willard Ernest and Trela Fern (Peel) Ewan. On February 18, 1967, in Santa Barbara, California, he was married to Brenda June Boyd, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, where he was involved in the Berlin Occupation. He lived in Kansas, Colorado, California, and Missouri. He worked in the Kansas Ordinance Plant for several years, the LaPlaya Motel in Santa Barbara, and retired from the Miller County Road District in Tuscumbia. He was baptized as a child into the Presbyterian Church in Cherokee, Kansas. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Other survivors include two daughters, Sharon Kay Johnson of Shawnee, Kansas, and Hilda Marie Partington of Independence; one son, Alvin Willard Ewan Jr. and wife Jackie of Bonner Springs, Kansas; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Lea Shannon Wilkes; one grandson, Christopher Robin Ewan; and one brother, Ernest H. Ewan.

The body was cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, at Dick Lawson Cemetery near Iberia with Bro. Gene Edwards officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to Dick Lawson Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home, April 30, 2008

**Nellie “Eula” Little**, age 85, of Eldon, died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in Lamar, Colorado on February 12, 1923, a daughter of the late George and Mary Eva (Caldwell) Miller. In 1946, in Kansas City, Kansas, she was married to Marvin Little, who preceded her in death in 2004.

Eula was a homemaker and enjoyed spending her time reading and playing cards. Those who survive her include: three children, Gerald Wayne Little and wife Vicki, Stella Little and Francis Lee Little and wife Marci all of Wichita, Kansas; two sisters, Thelma Miller of Eldon and Lenora Trapp of Hutchinson, Kansas; three grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

One daughter, Donna June Little, also preceded her in death.
A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, in Eldon City Cemetery. Rev. Jay Quinn will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Humane Society of Missouri.

Rekus Funeral Home, April 20, 2008

James Edward Bradley, age 81, of Lake Ozark, died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Osage Beach Healthcare Center. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 3, 1926, a son of the late Alve and Claire Bradley. On December 24, 1955, in Milwaukee, he was married to Leatrice Larson, who survives at the home.

James served his country for over 30 years. He was a Marine veteran of World War II and then became a Full-Bull Colonel in the Army Reserve.

Others who survive him include: a sister-in-law, June Guyot of Eldon and one cousin, Nancy Brinkley of California. His body has been cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Rekus Funeral Home, April 16, 2008

John H. Deaton, age 75, of Eldon, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at St. Marys Health Center. He was born in Tuckerman, Arkansas on October 29, 1932, a son of the late Willie and Ruth (Harrell) Deaton. On August 17, 1973, in Miami, Oklahoma, he was married to Bonnie Spratt, who survives at the home. John was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Others who survive him include: six children, Sharon Thomas of Tracy, California, Steve Deaton and wife Diane of Washington, D.C., Sara Crossgrove and husband David of Unionville, Michael Deaton of Eldon, Patty Woodard of Republic and Rick Haight of Eldon; fifteen grandchildren; several great grandchildren and six sisters, Carolyn Stevens, Mary Traw, Noreen Heinnman, Barbara Hoyt, Shirley Speer and Betty Combs. One son, Scott John Deaton, two brothers, Jimmy and J.C. Deaton, one sister, Elizabeth Luye and two step-sons, Loftis Spencer and Kenny McGowin, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Pastor Chris Reynolds will officiate. Interment with military honors provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be in Dooley Cemetery near Eldon. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the John H. Deaton Memorial Fund.

Rekus Funeral Home, April 14, 2008

Dorris Jean Wood, age 69, of Barnett, died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at Eldon Nursing and Rehab. She was born in Russellville on April 28, 1938, a daughter of the late James and Hazel (Leslie) Moss. On June 25, 1959, in Versailles, she was married to Edward Wood, who preceded her in death in 2002.

Those who survive her include: one daughter, Elaine Weaks of Big Rock, Tennessee; four grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, with services immediately following at 10:00 a.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Pastor Everett Rayl will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Lung Association.

Rekus Funeral Home, June 1, 2008

Christine M. Renneke, age 96, of Meta, died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born in Argyle on March 29, 1912, daughter of Steve and Margaret (Boeckman) Schwartz, both deceased. On August 22, 1934, in Argyle, she was married to Theodore J. Renneke, who preceded her in death on August 6, 1988.

She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta.
Survivors include three sons, Victor Renneke of Meta, David Renneke of California, and James Renneke and wife Linda of Meta; seven daughters, Margaret Koetting and husband Bernard of Mary’s Home, Elvira Koetting and husband David of Mary’s Home, Mary Rustemeyer of St. Martins, Dolores Renneke of Independence, Clara Jean Huff of Independence, Alice DeMoss and husband Larry of Tonganoxie, Kansas, and Sally Schepers and husband David of McGirk; two brothers, August Schwartze and Albert Schwartze both of Argyle; three sisters, Sophie Schepher of St. Louis, Rita Massman of Linn, and Catherine Schwartz of St. Louis; 21 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 13 great great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta. Rev. Mark Porterfield will officiate. Interment will be in St. Cecilia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Monday at the church with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Cecilia Catholic Church.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Friday, July 30, 2004

Hazel Irene Mahoney, age 93, of Iberia, died Thursday, July 29, 2004 at her home. She was a member of the Congregational Christian Church in Iberia. Miss Mahoney loved people and traveling and had a great sense of adventure. She also loved to paint and was very artistic.

Those who survived her include several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and many friends.

Visitatio will be Saturday, July 31, 2004, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. A prayer service will be at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Wayne Cogell officiating. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Public Broadcasting System.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, March 31, 2002

James Henry Hicks, 63, Versailles, died March 29, 2002, at University of Missouri-Columbia Hospitals and Clinics. He was born July 29, 1938, in Eldon, a son of Henry Raymond and Helen Jane Dorl Hicks. He was a heavy equipment operator and a Baptist.

Survivors include: one son, Danny Hicks, Versailles; three daughters, Helen Huff, Versailles, Lena Flaugher, Eldon, and Connie Halley, Kaiser; two brothers, Kenny Hicks, Camdenton, and Gerald Hicks, Eldon; four sisters, Alma Duncan, Jean Duncan and Wanda Eidson, all of Eldon, and Ruby Morgan, Barnett; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home, Versailles. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Monday. Memorials are suggested to the James Henry Hicks fund, in care of the funeral home.

Cletus Judson Stark, 67, Brumley, died March 30, 2002, in Jefferson City. He was born June 28, 1934, in Tuscumbia, a son of Joseph J. and Anna Opal Hill Stark. He was married Nov. 7, 1994, in Miami, Okla., to Ruby Jean Luttrell, who survives at the home.

He was an administrative industry supervisor for the Missouri Department of Corrections. Other survivors include: three sons, David E. Stark, Olean, Michael S. Stark, Arkansas City, Kan., and Jeffrey S. Stark, Newcastle, Okla.; two daughters, Sharolyn K. Stark, Olathe, Kan., and Jennifer M. Stark, Laurie; one sister, Joyce a Cotton, Eldon; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two sons, Joseph Judson Stark and Bradley Judson Stark, and one grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The Rev. Jim McGowin will officiate. Burial will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.
Opal L. Volkart, 64, California, died March 2, 2002, at her home. She was born Oct. 15, 1937, in Miller County, a daughter of Alfred E. and Oma A. Morris Lehr. She was married Aug 11, 1956, in California, to James Volkart, who survives at the home.

A homemaker, she was retired from the Department of Corrections. She was a member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church, California.

Survivors include: five sons, Richard Volkart, Michael D. Volkart, Mark A. Volkart and Jerry Volkart, all of California, and Kenneth D. Volkart, Fort Hood, Texas; one daughter, Tina Sue Volkart, California; five grandchildren; and step-grandchildren. One grandson preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weber and Sons Funeral Home, California. Peter Kurowski will officiate. Burial will be in Enloe Cemetery, Russellville. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to St. Pauls Radio Ministry, c/o St. Pauls Lutheran Church, California.

Bruce H. Young, 80, Eldon, died March 28, 2002, at St. Mary’s Health Center (Jefferson City). He was born Oct 21, 1921, in Quitman, Ark., a son of George L. and Euna Martin Young. He was married Dec. 19, 1990, in Eldon to Iris Davenport, who survives at the home.

He taught school at Pine Bluff, Arkansas Training School and was a member of F.F.A. He also was a supervisor for a commercial dairy company in Little Rock, Ark. He was a Navy Veteran.

The body was cremated. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home, Eldon.

Bernice Ash, 95, Piedmond, Mo., died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at Piedmont, Mo. She was born August 27, 1908, at Brumley, Mo., the daughter of Levi and Julia (Robinett) Albertson. She was married February, 1937, in Brumley, Mo., to Sampson Ash, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include: two daughters, Wilma Ezell, Patterson, Mo. and Bonnie Langston, St. Ann, Mo.; two sisters, Ana Ahart, Eldon, Mo. and Lura Smith, Maryland Heights, Mo.

Visitation will be from 12 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at Rodden Church of Christ, Brumley, MO. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at the church. Interment will be at the Robinett Cemetery, Brumley, Mo. under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Johnnie A. Connell, age 77, of Eldon, Mo., died Saturday, July 24, 2004, in Jefferson City, Mo. Survivors include: his wife, Byrlene Connell of the home; one daughter, Linda Tuttle of Eldon; one son, Leonard Connell of Eldon; four grandchildren, Darla Coffman of DeMotte, Indiana, Holly Tuttle of Eldon, Ashley Hanks of Eldon, and Beron Tuttle of Eldon; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Alma Orth of Washington, Mo. and Doris Webb of Sedalia, Mo.

Visitation will be held today, Monday, July 26, from 4-8 p.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at 10 a.m. at the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon. Burial will take place at Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett, Mo.

Lorraine M. Vogel, age 86, of St. Elizabeth, Mo., died Saturday, July 10, 2004, in St. Elizabeth.

Survivors include: one stepson, Albert Lee Vogel Jr. of Papallion, Nebraska; one sister, Lucille Dickneite of St. Elizabeth; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 3-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at the Phillips Funeral Home in Mary’s Home, Mo. The Rosary will be prayed at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A Funeral
Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 15 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Marys Home. Burial will take place in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Eugene, MO.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, April 21, 2002

Viola M. Ash, 90, Brumley, died April 20, 2002, at St. Elizabeth Care Center, St. Elizabeth. She was born Oct. 11, 1911, in Brumley, a daughter of D.D. and Mary Adaline Davenport Thornton. She was married in 1929 in Pacific, to Elmer Thomas Ash, who died Feb 5, 1995. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: seven sons, Elmer Ash, Jr., and Richard Ash, both of Michigan, Lonnie Ash, Edward Ash and Winfred Ash, both of Arkansas, Merel Ash, Brumley, and Wendell Ash, Iberia; two daughters, Mary Cripe and Debra Newman, both of Michigan; one brother, Roland Thornton, Poplar Bluff; 33 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. The Rev. Frank Senters and the Rev. Curtis Ash will officiate. Burial will be in Robinett Cemetery, near Brumley. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Irene Humphrey Richardson, 89, Iberia, died April 20, 2002, at Lake Regional Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, May 2004

Edward E. Brown, age 68, of Brumley, Mo., died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, in Osage Beach, Mo.

Survivors include: his wife, Margaret Brown, of the home; three sons, Donald R. Brown of Urbana, Illinois, Gerald L. Brown and Steven E. Brown, both of Kaiser, Missouri; his father, Harley C. Brown of Osage Beach; two sisters, Ruby Irwin of Lake Ozark, and Ruth Faye Bartch of the state of Florida; and two step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, May 7, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 1 pm. on Saturday, May 8, at the Philips Funeral Home in Eldon. Burial will take place at the New Hope Cemetery in Kaiser, Mo.

Robert W. “Bob” Musick, 73, of Aurora, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, in the Aurora Nursing Center. HE was born October 30, 1930, Brumley, to Oliver F. and Daisy Leona Phillips Musick. He was married August 18, 1973, to Mildred “Millie” Holtmeyer, who survives.

Other survivors include: five daughters, Betty Musick, Barnett, Lisa Musick, Gloria Musick Williams, Christine Musick and Cassie Musick, of Aurora; three sisters, Lorraine Schorer and Ann Lambe of Holts Summit, Lillie Whiteaker, Salem, Mo.; 13 grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be read Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Crafton-Cantrell Chapel, Aurora.

Lola Karr, age 92, of Iberia, died April 28, 2004, at St. Mary’s Health Center (Jefferson City). She was born in Brumley on December 12, 1911, a daughter of William and Mary (Rhinehart) Luttrell.

Survivors include: one daughter, Corrine Campbell and husband, Junior of Iberia; two grandsons, Scott Russell of Houston, Texas, and Eugene Russell of Eldon; five great-grandchildren and two brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be
in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, March 2004

Survivors include: her husband, Glenneth Cochran of the home; two sons, Roger Cochran and Bob Cochran both of Brumley; one daughter, Rita Witt of Brumley; one brother, Roy Pemberton of Brumley; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Interment will be at Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Monday, Jan 16, 2006

Mary Lee Hawken, age 82, of Jefferson City, died Saturday, January 14, 2006, at Jefferson City Manor Care Center. She was born in Mt. Pleasant on August 8, 1923, a daughter of the late Aubra and Martha (Miller) Johnston.

On August 8, 1942, in Valparaiso, Indiana, she was married to Jesse H. Hawken, who preceded her in death on February 17, 1996. A homemaker, she was a member of Tuscumbia Christian Church.

Those who survive her include: three sons, Jerry E. Hawken and wife Arlene of Eldon, David W. Hawken and wife Cheryl of Eldon, and John H. Hawken of Tuscumbia; two daughters, Martha A. Tomson and husband Ronsol of Tuscumbia, and Mary Carol Hasenbeck and husband Bob of Jefferson City; one sister, Jean Garber of Gravois Mills; 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Two grandchildren, Keisha Renee Hawken and Jason Aubra Tomson; one sister, Virginia Flessa; and one half-sister, Dorothy Able; also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

Jefferson Ctiy News Tribune, Friday, Sep 09, 2005

Bertha M. Zimmerman, 88, Eldon, died Thursday, September 8, 2005, at Eldon. She was born July 8, 1917, in Miller County, Mo., the daughter of Walter Jones and Rosa (Kay) Jones. She was married September 20, 1941, in Jefferson City to Leonard Zimmerman Sr.

She was a lifelong resident of Miller County. She was a homemaker and also enjoyed playing the organ and singing hymns. She was a previous member of the Flatwoods Baptist Church. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren. Her home was open to everyone.

Survivors include three daughters, Peggy Mace, Eldon, Sharon Zimmerman, Lebanon and Ellen Cain, Eldon; three sons, Charles Zimmerman, Jefferson City, Leonard Zimmerman Jr., Holts Summit and Dennis Zimmerman, Eldon; 13 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband and by two infant daughters, Rose Mary and Viola Mae, and one by one brother, Walter C. Jones and one sister, Lela Mae Vaughan.

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2005, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 12, 2005, at the funeral home with Rev. Frank McQuire officiating. Burial will be in Dooley Cemetery, Eldon, Mo. Memorials suggested in care of the family.

Rekus Funeral Home, June 4, 2008
Frank Ray, age 75, of Iberia, died Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born near Dixon on March 19, 1933, son of Clarence and Emma (Robertson) Ray. On February 15, 1975, in Maries County, he was married to Patsy Nadine Thompson, who survives at the home. He was a member of Mt. Gilead Church.

Other survivors include five sons, Shawn Ponder and wife Kim of Dixon, Shannon Ponder of Eldon, Tony Ponder and wife Rita, Tim Ponder and wife Pam, and Curt Ray and wife Charity all of Iberia; one daughter, Lawanna Ogdon and husband Brad of Cheyenne, Wyoming; four brothers, Ernest Ray and wife Virginia of Crocker, Raymond Ray and wife Verla of Iberia, Wayne Ray and wife Janet of Hancock, and Roland Ray and wife Becky of Dixon; 22 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Stella Roberts and Katherine Hance; and one brother, Donald Ray.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Larry Neal and Rev. Oscar Barrickman officiating. Interment will be in Seaton Cemetery near Dixon. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Unknown Publication, Dec. 1985

Bessie Wohlgemuth, 86, of Triplett, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1985, at Moberly Regional Hospital in Moberly. She was born March 31, 1899, in Eldon to Darius and Margaret Glenn Pierce. Her parents died when she was small and she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Banks of Eldon.

She was married to Jeff Wohlgemuth of Triplett and resided on a farm there. Mr. Wohlgemuth died Aug 12, 1970. She was a member of the Christian Church at Triplett.

She is survived by one son, W.K. Wohlgemuth of Wayne, N.J.; three grandchildren; one brother, Perry Pierce of Pineville; and several nieces and nephews, including Helen McDowell and Alverretta Waltz of Eldon.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Heisel and Koch Funeral Home at Brunswick, with the Rev. Lanny Lybarger officiating. Burial was in the McCullough Cemetery at Triplett.

The Eldon Advertiser, Nov. 13, 1952

Funeral services for Robert Lee Maupin, former Eldon resident were held October 25 at the First Christian Church at Marceline. Mr. Maupin, 78, died at a rest home in Keytesville. Interment was at Prairie Valley.

Mr. Maupin, a member of the First Christian Church of Eldon, lived here until four years ago. For many years he taught a men’s Sunday school class it he Christian Church here.

During his residence in the Eldon community, Mr. Maupin made his home for 17 years at the Davenport farm home east of Eldon; in recent years owned by Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Hachler. Mrs. Hachler and her mother, Mrs. Pearl Davenport, attended the services at Marceline.

Mr. Maupin, son of the Rev. and Mrs. R.S. Maupin, was born in Chariton County. Survivors include four sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Burgener of Ironton, Mrs. I.W. Duvall and Mrs. John Bell of Marceline, and Mrs. Lucy Hedrick of Salisbury. Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Unknown Publication, January 6, 1977

Mrs. Frances P. Brumley, 77, Belton, died Wednesday (Jan. 5) at Shawnee Mission, Kan. Hospital following a lengthy illness. She was a former resident of Miller County.
Mrs. Brumley was born May 25, 1899, near Brumley, the daughter of Joseph and Melinda Jane Luttrell Duncan. She was married to Andrew D. Brumley Sept 6, 1918. He died Aug. 25, 1972.

Mrs. Brumley, a resident of the Belton area slightly more than a year, was a member of the Mt. Union Church of Christ near Brumley.

Survivors include: three sons, Gail Brumley, Oak Grove, Junior Brumley, Eldon, and Jimmie Joe Brumley, Lawrence, Kan. Three daughters, Mrs. Zola Hock, Kansas City, Mrs. Jean Earp, Iberia and Mrs. Shirley Wyrick, Belton; three sisters, Mrs. Ada Plemons and Mrs. Ethel Luttrell, both of Brumley, and Mrs. Ida Shelton, Pacific; 31 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mt. Union Church of Christ near Brumley. Burial will be in the Mt. Union Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia.

Mrs. Anna M. Bax, 82, St. Elizabeth, died Thursday (Jan. 6) at a Jefferson City hospital. Mrs. Bax was born Sept. 8, 1894, at Koeltztown, the daughter of August and Augusta Schneider Heisler. In 1915, she was married to Joseph Martin Bax. He died Sept. 17, 1962.

Mrs. Bax was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth and St. Ann’s Sodality.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Clara Schilling, Evansville, Ill.; two sons, Herbert Bax, DeSoto and Herman Bax, St. Elizabeth; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. today at the Stevinson Funeral Chapel, St. Elizabeth. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth, with the Rev. John Byrne officiating. Burial will be in the St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, January 8, 1917

William J. Berry was born October 13, 1850, near Capps, Miller County, Missouri, and was married June 1, 1879, to Malinda E. Atkison to which union were born two children, Edward H. Berry being the only survivor. On April 2, 1892, Mr. Berry was married to Dollie Bond of Iberia, to which union there were two children born, Jackson J. and Wiley W. Berry, both living and with their mother, Edward E. being in Montana, and on account of being crippled was unable to attend the funeral.

Brother Berry is survived by one sister, Mrs. Wiley Gott, who mourns the death of her brother so much so that in speaking to his lifeless form she pledged herself to meet him in heaven; he is also survived by one brother, C.J. Berry of Capps and W.P. Berry, a nephew, of Eldon.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Tuscumbia, on Sunday, January 4, conducted by Rev. Estes of Eldon, who delivered a very appropriate scriptural address, after which his remains were laid to rest in the Tuscumbia Cemetery. Brother Berry was a member in good standing of the Masonic fraternity, having his membership at Hickory Hill, Missouri.

Unknown Publication, December 1952

Mrs. Emma Clay Russell who fell in her home December 16, died Sunday morning. The fall fractured her left hip and arm and she was taken to St. Mary’s Hospital by ambulance. Mrs. Russell was the daughter of William L. and Charity Jane Clay. She was born in Miller County, east of Olean where she spent her lifetime.

She was married to Louis C. Russell in early womanhood. She and Mr. Russell were planning to enjoy their golden wedding anniversary soon.

Mrs. Russell has been preceded in death by her parents and 12 brothers and sisters. She is survived by her husband, one sister, Mrs. Lucitta Pitchford of Oklahoma City, Okla, and many
nieces and nephews. She will be especially missed by the two great-nieces, Juanita and Emma Leslie, and two great-nephews, Lansford and Milton Leslie, whom she reared from childhood.

Mrs. Russell joined the Christian Church in early life. For many years she was an active member and worker in church circles. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge, where she worked in her younger days as well as in community clubs and other activities.

Funeral services were conducted in the Kays Funeral Home Tuesday by the Rev. Clark F. Sanner of the Eldon Christian Church. Burial was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

The Independence Examiner, May 31, 2008

Mae Evelyn Brumley, 86, of Oak Grove, Mo., passed away Friday, May 30, 2008 at the Oak Grove Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Mae was born May 10, 1922 in Iberia, Mo., the daughter of Bennett and Rhoda (Duncan) Shelton. She married Gail Brumley in 1939 and he preceded her in death in 1993. Mrs. Brumley worked as a nurse’s aide for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Mae was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a hard worker and she dearly loved her grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Also preceding Mrs. Brumley in death were eleven siblings; a daughter, Wilda VanHerke; a son, Wyman Brumley; and a son-in-law, Dr. Jerry Howard.

Her survivors include one son, Jack Brumley and wife Melinda of Oak Grove; three daughters, Jerry Varner and husband Tom of Stillwater, Okla., Peggy Howard of Napoleon, Mo., and Rita Robinson and husband Jesse of Bates City, Mo.; a daughter-in-law: Margaret Brumley of Diamond City, Ark.; 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 4th at Mountain Union Church of Christ, Brumley, Mo. Burial following in Mountain Union Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Royer Funeral Home, 816-690-4441.

Tuscumbia, Missouri, Thursday, June 25, 1914

Ambrose Brockman was born March 16, 1838. He was married to Sarah Ann Conner May 9th 1861. To this union was born three sons and one daughter. The oldest son, Henry, died at the age of seven months. Jas. W. Brockman, the second son, died at the age of thirty nine.

Sarah, a wife of Ambrose Brockman, died June 24th 1888. One son, Judge J.N. Brockman, and one daughter, Mrs. J.A. Roark, survive him.

He joined the Baptist Church at Flatwoods Church in 1884. On November 16th, 1897, he was united in marriage to Martha M. Miller, who lived in Moniteau County, after which he moved to that county, four miles northwest of Olean. He there put his membership with the Baptist Church of Olean. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He and his wife were both members of the order of Eastern Star.

The body was brought to Tuscumbia by Undertaker Phillips of Eldon, accompanied by friends and relatives and an escort from the lodges of Olean and Eldon of the Masonic order. On arrival at Tuscumbia the Masons took charge and conveyed the body to the Baptist Church where Bro. Self preached a very appropriate sermon. Very excellent song service was rendered at the church, conducted by Mr. Walter Stillwell, assisted by the young people of Tuscumbia. After the services at the church the body was taken in charge by the Masons and conveyed to the cemetery known as the Flatwoods or Scott Cemetery, where the concluding ceremonies of a Masonic burial were had, conducted by Senator W.S. Allee of Olean. John Brockman, father of the deceased, was born December 13th 1798, and settled in Miller County at what is known as the Brockman Ford of the Osage River.

Uncle Ambrose expressed a desire before he died that he be buried by his first wife on the Osage.

Unknown Publication, November 1971
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth for a lifelong resident of the community, Mrs. Margaret Huhman, 90.

Mrs. Huhman, who leaves 117 descendants, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 1971, at St. Joseph’s Home in Jefferson City. She was born Aug. 16, 1881, in Miller County near St. Elizabeth, the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Oligschlaeger) Boeckman.

She was married in St. Elizabeth on Oct. 23, 1900 to Joseph Frank Huhman. He preceded his wife in death on Dec. 21, 1967.

Mrs. Huhman had lived all of her life near St. Elizabeth, and was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and St. Ann’s Sodality.

She is survived by five sons, Lawrence and Henry Huhman, both of Okeene, Okla., George Huhman of Tipton and Herman and William Huhman, both of Tuscumbia; four daughters, Mrs. Emma Doerhoff of St. Elizabeth, Mrs. Wilhelmina Mamann of Meta, and Mrs. Corina Flick and Mrs. Clara Rowan, both of Jefferson City; 57 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; one brother, Fred Boeckmann of Okeene, Okla., and one half-sister, Mrs. Veronica Pope of Tulsa Okla.

The rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stevinson Chapel in St. Elizabeth. The Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiated at the services Saturday morning at St. Lawrence Church. Burial was in the parish cemetery. Pallbearers were Joe Flick, James Rowan, Al Doerhoff, and Anthony, Dennis and Mike Huhman.

The Eldon Advertiser, April 1952

Alonzo L. Lewis, whose funeral at the Phillips Funeral Home was mentioned last week in The Advertiser, was born April 9, 1901, near Iberia, the son of Thomas and Rosena Stark Lewis. He died April 27 at Menorah Hospital in Kansas City (KS) following a short illness although he had been in failing health for several months.

When a young man, his parents moved to Tuscumbia, where his father served as probate judge of Miller County for four years. He was married to Miss Bertha Roberts June 10, 1923, and they were the parents of a son, Charles Monroe. While they continued to live in Tuscumbia, Mr. Lewis served as deputy clerk for the county clerk of the county for 12 years. About 12 years ago they moved to Eldon and two years later Mr. Lewis accepted employment as bookkeeper for the Tompkins Chevrolet Co.

Mr. Lewis was a member of the I.O.O.F. order for over 25 years and was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving him are his mother, Rosena Lewis; his son, a granddaughter, Debby Lynn; five sisters, Lura Thornton and Maxine Kerr of Los Angeles, Calif.; Grace Lewis, Phoenix, Ariz.; Gladys Coker, Jefferson City; and Ruby Powell of Kansas City, and a brother, Jim Lewis, of Kansas City. His father and two sisters preceded him in death.

Unknown Publication, December 1952

Funeral services for Rueben Alton Franklin, well known farmer of the Olean community, were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church. Mr. Franklin, who would have observed his 72nd birthday Sunday, died suddenly at 5 a.m. Friday at his home near Olean.

The Rev. Freeman Jones of Iberia conducted the funeral services. Interment was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery with Phillips Funeral Home service.

Mr. Franklin, the son of Andrew and Sarah Spalding Franklin, was born November 30, 1880, near Mt. Pleasant. He lived a greater part of his life in the Olean and Mt. Pleasant communities.

On August 24, 1919, he was married to Odessa Thompson of near Tuscumbia. The wedding was solemnized at Etterville by the Rev. John J. Wyrick.
They were the parents of six children: Mrs. Maxine Shaw of Olean, Mrs. Bernadyne Backhaus of Elmhurst, Ill., C. Kelly Franklin, and Carl W. Franklin of Eldon, Mrs. Chlorene Whitson of Rolla, and Mrs. Darlene Wilson of Etterville.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Franklin and the six children include six grandchildren: Jerald Backhaus, Carl R. Franklin, Buenta Whitson, Janet and Gordon Wilson and Vicki Franklin; and one brother, James P. Franklin of Golden City.

While still a young man, Mr. Franklin became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church and at the time of his death was a member of the Olean Christian Church. He served as a director of Olean public schools for more than 20 years, was a retired member of the Odd Fellows lodge, and was active in many community and civic affairs.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

**Loyd D. Lasswell**, 69, of Eldon, died Friday at a Kansas City hospital. Mr. Lasswell was born at Etterville on Oct. 7, 1907, son of Samuel and Mandie Rogers Lasswell. He was married to Jewell Hoff on Dec. 29, 1934. His wife survives at the home.

Other survivors include: three daughters, Mrs. Mazie High, Raytown, Mrs. Helen Ingersoll, DeSoto, Tex., and Mrs. Donna Ramsey, Independence; three sons, Lonnie Lasswell, Mustang, Okla., John Lasswell, Conifer, Colo., and Vincel Lasswell, Springfield; two brothers, Chester Lasswell, Phoenix, Ariz., and Carl Lasswell, Kansas City; one sister, Mrs. Lucy Witten, Etterville; and 13 grandchildren.

He was a retired employee of Butler Manufacturing Co. at Kansas City and moved to Eldon in 1972 after his retirement.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Griswold-Kays Funeral Home, Eldon with the Rev. Dean Heady officiating. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett.

Unknown Publication, September 1952

**Bennett I. Madole**, son of Dora Savage Madole and Benjamin Dudley Madole, was born August 2, 1894, at Eldon, Mo., and died at the Windsor Community Hospital August 27, 1952.

He lived in the Eldon community until 1916, where he attended the Mt. Pleasant School and was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church. On November 7, 1915, he was married to Ella Brooks Amos at Etterville. Shortly afterwards they moved to Windsor where he remained until his death.

Having been preceded in death by his father, Benjamin, his youngest brother, Lonnie, and his oldest son Bennett Emerson; Mr. Madole is survived by his wife, Brooks; his mother, Mrs. Dora Madole; four sons, Hurschel and Dudley of Windsor, Bennie of the U.S. Airforce stationed at Amarillo, Tex., and Franklin D. of the U.S. Navy stationed at Hutchinson, Kan.; one daughter, Dorothy of Gary, Ind.; three sisters, Mrs. Carl Artz of Dade City, Fla.; Mrs. Gertrude Loar of Kansas City and Mrs. Aubrey Burlingame of Eldon; four brothers, Raymond and Roy of Eldon, Bill of Gravette, Ark., and Harl of Shreveport, La.

Funeral services were held at the Hutson-Turner Funeral Home in Windsor, August 30, with the Rev. C. Ernest Grace officiating. Interment was in Laurel Oak Cemetery at Windsor.

Unknown Publication, December 1914

**Mrs. Maggie Allee**, wife of Albert Allee, age 38 years, 11 months and 4 days, died at her home two and one-half miles southeast of Eldon, Saturday morning at 3:30, after a short illness of pneumonia and heart trouble. Deceased had only been ill about three weeks. She leaves a husband, three brothers and two sisters, to mourn her demise.

Mrs. Allee united with the Baptist Church when a young girl and remained true to that faith until death claimed her on Saturday. The brothers and sisters are: John and Leslie Jones of Enon, Samuel of Russellville, Mrs. Lem Son of Colorado and Mrs. Joe Morrow west of town.
She was a good Christian woman, a good mother and loved by all who knew her. The family formerly lived west of Russellville and Mrs. Allee was well known here.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday morning at 9:30 by Rev. T.M. Estes, of Eldon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Enon Cemetery. The heartbroken father and the motherless children have the heart-felt sympathy of all in their sad hour of bereavement.

Iberia Sentinel, February 1932

After almost four weeks of severe illness and suffering, Mrs. Catherine Dorcas Jones passed into the great beyond at 9:45 p.m., Friday, February 26, 1932, at her home near Alder Springs.

At times her suffering seemed almost unbearable, but she bore it cheerfully and without complaint seeming to take more interest in the comfort of those administering to her, than in her own welfare. Many times during her illness she expressed a desire that she might pass on. She realized the seriousness of her condition and was happy to think that she would soon be called home to meet her Saviour and the loved ones, who had preceded her in death.

The subject of this sketch was the daughter of Thomas S. and Margaret C. Slone (deceased) and was born September 10, 1837, in McLinburg County, North Carolina. At the age of one and a half years, she with her parents, moved to Warren County, Kentucky, where she lived twenty years, when she with the family came to Missouri to reside. A wagon drawn by a team of oxen was their means of transportation from Kentucky to Missouri.

She was united in marriage to J.F.M. Jones in 1860. To this union five children were born, the oldest, Mary Margaret, dying at the age of seventeen months. Those living are Mrs. Emeline Lawson of Ketchum, Okla., Mrs. Paradine Thompson, Mrs. Ida Bilyeu and Thomas L. Jones.

Besides the four children who survive, she leaves one brother, Isaac A. Slone (92) twenty-seven grandchildren and above fifty great-grandchildren.

Grandma Jones had many interesting incidents to relate to her grandchildren and their children concerning…Civil war, as her husband enlisted as a volunteer in 1861, leaving her alone to keep the home fires burning. She and her sister-in-law Sarah J. Slone would ride on horse back twenty miles to get mail from their husbands who were in the service. Her husband was honorably discharged at the close of the war, and they lived happily together on the farm until 1887, when the death angel claimed him.

She continued to live in the same log cabin with its quaint fire place until her death, having lived there twenty-two years all told. When the icy hand of death claimed her she was ninety-four years, five months and sixteen days old. Her children, except Mrs. Lawson, were at her bedside when she departed.

This noble woman remembered her creator in the days of her youth, as the wise man Solomon advises young folks to do, and was baptized in Fly Creek near Bowling Green Kentucky. She enjoyed reading her bible above all other reading material and would often quote many chapters from memory. She loved to converse on Biblical subjects.

Funeral services were conducted by Geo. W. Warman, assisted by Wm. Freeman Jones, at the Brays Cemetery, Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last tribute. The floral offering was a beautiful one.

Thus another sainted mother has gone to her reward, leaving us behind. Though she remained with us to a ripe old age, yet we loathed to give up her dear presence. But her good deeds will live in our hearts the remainder of our lives, for the scripture says, “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”

“The clock of life is wound but ones and no man has power
To tell just when the clock will stop at late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own; live—love—toil with a will,
And place no faith in tomorrow for the clock may then be still.”
--A grand daughter, Mrs. William Freeman Jones

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, June 5, 2008

Judy Dickerson Young, 65, of Maggie Valley, N.C., died Sunday June 1, 2008, at her home. She was born Jan. 3, 1943, in Tuscumbia to Frank and Grace Snelling Dickerson. Mrs. Young attended elementary and high school in Iberia. She was graduated from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., and Georgia State University in Atlanta, where she earned the master of education and education specialist degrees. She retired from the DeKalb County, Georgia School System after 30 years of service in education. She was named Teacher of the Year in 2000 at Columbia High School in Decatur, GA. She moved to Maggie Valley, N.C., in 2003.

She was an active member of the Maggie Valley First Baptist Church, where she and her husband were coordinators of the Activities Ministry for Senior Adults. She was also a choir member, was on the church library committee, taught Bible school and worked with an extension of Meals on Wheels.

Mrs. Young is survived by her husband Ed Young, a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Chris Sanborn of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Brenda Clark of Sautee Nacoochee, GA; three nephews and a niece; four stepchildren, Renee Dalton, Bryan Young, Angie Buck and Adam Young; and seven step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Maggie Valley First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ricky Mason and the Rev. Paul Carmichael officiating. Burial was in Green Hill Cemetery in Waynesville, N.C. Memorials may be made to The Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, UT 84741-5000 or www.bestfriends.org/donate.

Esther Marie Mattoon, 86, of Crocker died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born June 25, 1921, in Swedeborg to Willis Slater and Grace Elder Fordyce. She was married Aug. 27, 1939, in Crocker to John Exra Mattoon, who survives in Crocker. Mrs. Mattoon was a member of the Crocker Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are five sons and their wives, Raymond and Wanda Mattoon of Independence, Louis Mattoon of Raytown, Lee and Debbie Mattoon of Iberia, Roy and Donna Mattoon of Independence and Dwight Mattoon of Jena, La.; four daughters and their husbands, Alice and David Earp of Iberia, Mary and James Clemmer of Salina, Kan., Anita and John Weber of Crocker and Lois Ethridge of Crocker; a brother, Marvin Fordyce of Elpaso, Texas; 26 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Crocker Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Randall Hoffman of First Assembly of God officiating. Burial was in the Crocker Cemetery under the direction of Long Funeral Home of Crocker.

Nellie J. Clark, 75, of Iberia died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at her home. She was born March 3, 1933, in Brumley to Everett and Marcella Brown Maylee. On Nov. 9, 1948, she was married in Bentown to Carrol Junior Clark, who died July 5, 2001. Mrs. Clark attended the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Betty and Bob Barker of Bentown and Shirley and Ernie Wilson of Iberia; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Howard and Wanda Clark of Camdenton and Ronnie Clark of Sedalia; a brother, Junior Maylee of Montgomery City; a sister, Anna Lucy Robinett of Iberia; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Mike, Kevin and Scotty Wilson, Janet Wieberg, Tina Kraft and Tammy Blankenship; nine great-grandchildren, Makayla...
Barker, Levi and Lacey Wilson, Katie and Megan Wilson, Megan Jones, Cody Kraft, Chase Blankenship and Madison Blankenship; and a great-grandson, Chance Wilson.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with Bro. Gene Edwers officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Cemetery near Brumley. Memorials may be made to Jackson Cemetery.

Jeffrey R. Brockes, 49, of Rolla died Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at his home. He was born Aug. 30, 1958, in Kirkwood to Redith “Tuffy” and Shirley Wall Brockes. His father preceded him in death. His mother, Shirley Groves, survives in Union. On Jan 25, 1997, he was married to Kristine “Kris” Beschta, who survives at the home.

Mr. Brockes was saved by grace on Aug 15, 1991, and was an active member of the New Life Ministries in Rolla.

Also surviving him are a son, Jeff Brockes of St. Charles; two daughters, Christina Brockes and Nikki Brockes, both of St. Louis; two stepdaughters, Tina Rowden of Dixon and Trish Miller of Rector, Penn.; a brother, Timothy Brockes of Stanton; a sister, Halona Overby of Iberia; and eight grandchildren, Kristy, Megan and Stephen Rowden, Jeffrey, Ashley and Phoebe Lanzone and Elijah and Xavier Brockes.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Null & Son Funeral Home with Pastor Michael Huff officiating. Burial was in Bethany Cemetery near Iberia.

William George Carrender departed this life at the home of his son, Willard, in Eldon, at 1 o’clock a.m. Tuesday, March 7, 1922, following a protracted illness due to the after effects of an attack of the influenza about 3 years ago. He was born near Pleasant Mount, Miller County, Mo., May 3rd, 1862, being 59 years 8 months and 4 days old at the time of his death.

On August 14, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Leona Harrison. To this union 7 children were born, all of whom are living. They are Herbert O. and Oscar E., of Kansas City; Charles J. and Willard A. of Eldon; Misses Lela May, Annie J. and Essie L. who are at home. Besides the widow and 7 children he leaves to mourn his loss, 10 grandchildren, 4 grandsons and 6 granddaughters, 1 brother, Joel J. Carrender of near Eldon; a half sister, Mrs. George Hicks of hear Eldon; a half brother, L.F. Russell of Algire, Mo.; an uncle, James Carrender of near Eldon; and many other relatives and a host of friends.

He has been a life-long farmer and stockman, having resided on the farm where his family now lives, 32 years. About a month ago he and his youngest son, Willard, made a trade in which Willard became owner of the home farm and his father took his residence property in Eldon, where the family moved about a week before his death, to be near the doctor. He united with the Milldale United Brethern Church I 1889, at the age of 33 years. He was a kind and devoted husband and father and his last words to his family were, “I’m Going Home.”

Funeral services were held at the home in Eldon by Rev. Fred E. Miles, pastor of the Eldon M.E. Church. Mr. Carrender was a member of the M.W.A. fraternal order at Tuscumbia, and the body was laid to rest by the Eldon lodge in the Salem Cemetery about one mile north of Eldon. The funeral was attended by a large crowd of sorrowful relatives and friends.

Brother Greene Lee Tomson was born December 19, 1838, in Hardeman County, Tennessee; came with his family to Missouri in March, 1859, residing first in the vicinity of Brazito and Hickory Hill, Cole County, later at and near Spring Garden, Miller County, but for more than thirty years prior to his death, January 26, 1918, made his home near Tuscumbia, Mo., save short sojourns in Colorado and the far West. His career as a minister of the Gospel of Christ covered a period of approximately fifty years.
In his conduct, conversation and ministry he stood firmly and unmoved for the simplicity, faith and practice of the Disciples of Christ, accepted no creed, the inventions of men, contending that the “faith once delivered to the saints” is all-sufficient both in the molding of Christian character here and for the salvation of the soul hereafter. [here follows a lengthy “sermon” which I have omitted.]

Brother Tomson has gone to his reward and his works indeed do follow him. He was married first to Elizabeth Sullens of the Spring Garden Vicinity, who died, leaving three sons and four daughters, namely: James Pinkney Tomson, Daniel Franklin Tomson, and Lee Tomson, Mrs. R.S. Belshe, Mrs. J.A. Hill, Mrs. Joseph Hicks, later Tracy, and Mrs. W.M. Kallenbach. To his last wife who survives him (prior to her marriage Miss Emma Sellinger of Montana) was born a daughter who died in infancy. Other children by his first wife also died in infancy.

**Unknown Publication, September 1967**

Funeral services for Mrs. Alpha Stanton, 85, were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in the Christian Church in California, Mo., with the Rev. Cecil Swinehart officiating. Mrs. Stanton died Sept. 27, 1967, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A.K. Reed, in California, where she had made her home for the past 30 years. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

She was born Jan 7, 1882, near Brumley, the daughter of the late W.R. and Lucy Carnes. She was married to James D. Stanton on Feb. 11, 1900.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. A.K. (Mable) Reed of California; one son, Lee, of Brumley; one brother, Nile Carnes of Camdenton; one sister, Mrs. W.A. (Grace) Foster of Camdenton; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stanton was a member of the Freedom Christian Church in Camden County and a member of the Christian Women’s Fellowship at California.

Burial was in the Freedom Cemetery under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home at California. Pallbearers were James Reed, Hank Koch, Bob Patterson, Mike Philips, Dick Phillips, and Junior Jones.

**Unknown Publication, April 1952**

M.D. Blair, 39, who owned and operated a turkey and broiler farm on Highway 54 east of Etterville, suffered a second acute heart attack Saturday afternoon, April 19, and died at 1:15. A few weeks before, he was taken to the hospital for treatment after a collapse, and appeared to be slowly recovering.

Marcellus Dan Blair was born in McPherson County, Kansas, February 24, 1913. His parents were Steve and Etta Blair. He was married to Miss Virginia Lacey in 1936, and they were parents of a daughter, Joan, who survives with her mother.

In 1942, the Blairs purchased the Clyde Farris farm and had been successful poultry raisers since that time.

Other relatives surviving are a brother, Marvin Blair of Hot Springs, Ark., four sisters, Mrs. Richard Rogers Hyattsville, Md., Mrs. O.C. Formby, Springhill, La., Mrs. Ollie Moses, New Rochelle, N.Y. and Mrs. T.L. Jamerson, Charleston West Va.

Funeral rites were conducted at the Kays Funeral Home Monday afternoon, Rev. Edwin Barnes officiating. Immediately following the services, the body was taken by funeral car to Canton, Kans., for a graveside service and interment in the family lot at Canton Cemetery.

**Unknown Publication, April 13, 1944**

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for O.L. Atkinson, well known and highly respected citizen of the Olean community. Mr. Atkinson had been in failing health for the past year when his condition became more serious on March 20 and as he did not improve he entered the Colony Clinic in Kansas City, Mo. March 31 for treatment.
Oliver Logan Atkinson, the son of James and Jane Atkinson, was born March 4, 1880, near Olean, MO. and departed this life April 6, 1944 at the age of 64 years, 1 month and 2 days. He was married to Millie McBroom March 14, 1901. She passed away June 24, 1903.

On June 20, 1906, he was again married to Dollie M. McBroom and to this union six children were born, all of whom survive.

At the age of 21 years he united with the Christian Church at Olean, MO, where he has remained a faithful member throughout his life. Mr. Atkinson was a kind and devoted husband and father, willing at all times to make sacrifices for the needs and comfort of his family. Having lived in this community the greater part of his life, he had won for himself many friends. He was held in high esteem and was respected by his many friends and neighbors. His home was always known for its genial hospitality.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Dollie Atkinson, he is survived by two daughters and four sons: Mrs. Howard Vanpool (Ruby Ree) of St. Louis, Mrs. Loyd Rinehart (Mina Jane) of Pampa, Tex., Basil Tod Atkinson of St. Louis, Mo., Pfc. Arthur Don Atkinson and WOJG Joe William Atkinson, both overseas, and Pfc. Earl Oliver Atkinson of Keesler Field, Miss. Also, one half-sister, Mrs. Alfred Brown of Dos Palos, Calif., and one half-brother, John Basil Proctor, of Roy, N.M. He also leaves three grandsons, Harold Loyd Rinehart, Logan Earl Vanpool, and Thomas Hugh Wardlaw; two sons-in-law, Loyd Rinehart and William Howard Vanpool and daughter-in-law, Marie Atkinson.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o’clock at the Olean Christian Church, Rev. A.L. Alexander, pastor of the Eldon Christian Church delivered the message. Burial was made at the Olean Cemetery, Phillips Funeral Home Service.

Carlton Fred Howe was born in Washington, Ia., July 23, 1860, and passed away at his home in Eldon on Wednesday, April 5, 1944, at the age of 83 years, 8 months and 13 days. He was the second son of Joel C. and Mary M. Howe. At the age of 13 he moved with his parents to Smith County, Kans. Where he helped his father prove up on a homestead. It was there that he and his two brothers grew to manhood.

In the year 1890 he was married to Clara Evans, forming a marriage companionship which lasted for 54 years. To them three sons were born, Clyde A., Henry C. and Marc C. For the health of their son, Henry, they moved to Arizona, where Henry departed this life leaving a wife and two children.

Later he moved to a farm in Missouri near Barnett, where he lived until his health began to fail, then he moved to Eldon where he remained until his death. Mr. Howe was a deeply religious man. In his early years he united with the Methodist Church, remaining a member of some Methodist Church until his death. When he came to Eldon he united with the Eldon Methodist Church where he remained a faithful member throughout his life.

Mr. Howe leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. Clara Howe; two sons, C.A. Howe of St. Joseph, Mo, and M.C. Howe of the state of California. HE also leaves three grandchildren, one of them now serving with the United States Navy; one great-granddaughter, Nellie Louise, who lives I the state of California; a niece, Emma Kraus of Iowa; a nephew, Glenn Howe of Kansas City; a sister-in-law, Charlotte Shaw of Salt Lake City, Utah; a cousin, Russell Keesler of Ohio, and one brother-in-law, George Evans of Versailles, who has helped care for him during his last illness.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o’clock at the Methodist Church. Rev. Raymond R. Sturgis, pastor of the church conducted the service and the music was in charge of the church choir. The body was taken to Versailles for burial in the Versailles Cemetery. Rev. V.B. Strader, pastor of the Versailles Methodist Church, conducted the graveside service; Phillips Funeral Home Service.

Rekus Funeral Home web site, Monday, June 9, 2008
David “Dave” Lee Taylor, age 60, of Barnett, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at his home. He was born in California on September 16, 1947, a son of the late Ray and Clara (Hodel) Taylor. Dave loved spending time with family and friends, going to church picnics and working in his garden. He especially enjoyed working side by side with his son Davey and brother Don. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was also a member of the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon.

Those who survive him include: one son, David Ray Taylor of the home; two step-daughters, Jennill Evers and husband Aaron of Eldon and Pennell Mistler and husband Clint of Hillsboro; one sister, Carolyn Stuart and husband Jesse of Dunkirk, Maryland; one brother, Don Taylor and wife Shirley of Eldon; five nieces and nephews, Shane Stuart, Ray Stuart, Dawn Atkinson, Marlin Stuart and Troy Taylor.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 13, at Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment with military honors provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens near Barnett. Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Unknown Publication, August 2001

Marjorie June Martin, 81, Iberia, died Aug. 12, 2001, at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach. She was born June 27, 1920, in Hancock, a daughter of Clarence and Alice Hightree Law. She was married April 19, 1941, in Bowling Green, to Louis Alvis Martin, who survives at the home.

A homemaker, she taught school at Cross School, Iberia, and High Point School, Dixon. She was a member of Iberia Community Club, Iberia American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 105 and the Iberia Church of Christ.

Other survivors include: two sons, Gene Martin and Larry Martin, both of Iberia; three daughters, Sharon Wiles, Willow Springs, Brenda Thompson, Iberia, and Janet Robinson, Marshfield; two brothers, Harry Law, Vandalia, and Howard Law, Louisiana; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. Bernie Crum will officiate. Burial will be in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to Iberia Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home, June 7, 2008

Gertrude Pearl Summers, age 63, of Westland, Michigan, died June 7, 2008. She was born on October 25, 1944, to Estal and Gertie (Jenkins) Allen, both deceased. She was married to Forest Summers, who preceded her in death. Gertrude was born and raised in the Iberia community and moved to Michigan in her early adult years.

Those who survive her include her children, Billy Joe Summers and Holly Mae Summers; two grandchildren, Billy Shane Summers and Hally Pearl Summers; her boyfriend, J. C. Carrington; brothers and sisters, Thomas George Allen, Mary Jane Jensen and husband Dick, Goldie Ann Block and husband William, Steve Allen, Don William Allen and wife Marie, Jimmy Dean Allen, June Kay Pulford and husband Michael, and Mark Jim Allen; one sister-in-law, Alice Allen; and sixteen nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Darrell Wayne Allen in 1962 and Estal Ed Allen in 2006.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 13, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Greg McClain will officiate. Interment will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Missouri newspaper, November 1985
Louis C. Bax, 77, of 110 Boonville Rd., died Monday at St. Mary's Health Center. He was born Dec. 10, 1907 at St. Elizabeth, a son of John and Theresa Bax. He was married Nov. 3, 1931 at Linn to Gertrude Voss who survives at the home.

He was a retired farmer and a member of St. Joseph Cathedral. He had lived in Jefferson City and the Westphalia communities for the past 17 years.

Other survivors include: 1 son, Delbert Bax of Jefferson City, 6 daughters - Mrs. Mary Ellen Kleffner, Mrs. Bernice Redel, Mrs. Lucille Schmitz, and Mrs. LaVerne Rhodes, all of Jefferson City, Mrs. Lorraine Hoecker and Mrs. Valinda Kemna, both of St. Elizabeth; 2 sisters - Mrs. Elizabeth Libbert of St. Elizabeth and Mrs. Martha Roth of Houston, TX; 31 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Services will be held 11 am Thursday at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Meta and burial in St. Cecelia Cemetery.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, June 12, 2008

Arnold Wilson Hall Sr., 78 of Crocker died Sunday, June 1, 2008, at St. John’s Mercy Health System in Springfield. He was born Feb. 6, 1930, in Renshaw, Ill., to Roy and Lura Mattie Cole Hall. On Feb 24, 1951, he was married in Pontiac, Mich., to Betty Jean Burkhart, who survives in Crocker.

Also surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, James Arnold and Peggy Hall of Laquey, Roy Clarence Hall and Jeffery David Hall, both of Crocker. Arnold Wilson Hall Jr. of Richland and Barry Samuel and Charity Hall of Crocker; three daughterers and sons-in-law, Pamela Jean and Leo Roam and Barbara Ann and Leonard White, all of Waynesville, and Lura Mae and Henry Ollis of Erwin, Tenn.; two brothers, William Hall of Pontiac, Mich., and Harvey Hall of Waterford, Mich.; 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 5. The Rev. Ernest Miller of Full Gospel Tabernacle in Iberia officiated. Burial with full military honors was in Bethany Cemetery at Crocker under the direction of Long Funeral Home in Crocker.

Unknown Publication, February 1942

Judge David C. Bear. 83 years and 3 months old, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Jewett, at Vandalia, Tuesday, Feb. 10 from infirmities due to his advanced age. Mr. Bear since the age of four years, had been a resident of this community, living all this time on the old Bear place on Dog Creek, until a few years ago when he moved with his son Madison to Tuscumbia to spend his reclining years, and with whom he made his home most of the time, spending a part of the winters with his daughter at Vandalia.

The deceased, truly a pioneer of this community, was born in Ohio Nov. 10, 1853, the youngest of a large family of eleven children. When four years of age, he came with his father and mother and the children to Miller County by steamboat and covered wagon. Mr. Bear was too young to be in the Civil War but several of his brothers saw active duty. His grandfather was a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Bear, in his younger life, took an active part in county Republican politics and served as presiding judge at the Miller County Court in 1910 when the present courthouse was constructed, and through his initiative perhaps was responsible for the construction of the present improved court house.

Mr. Bear leaves three children to mourn his passing, Madison Bear of Tuscumbia, Mrs. Dora Wickham of near Tuscumbia and Mrs. Geo. Jewett of Vandalia. One daughter, Mrs. T. F. Martin of Ulman passed away in 1938 and three other children preceded him in death.

The body was brought to the home of his son, Madison, here Wednesday morning where it is in state until Thursday, arrangements being made to hold the funeral services at the Tuscumbia Presbyterian Church this morning at ten o’clock. Burial will be beside his wife in the Bear Cemetery.
**Unknown Publication, October 1952**

**Elzar Lee Atkinson**, 67, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Louis P. Rohls, in Eldon, Monday. Mr. Atkinson had been in poor health for several years and was making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Rohls.

He was born near High Point, August 29, 1885, the son of Susan Isabella and James M. Atkinson. Until moving to Eldon, Mr. Atkinson owned a farm near California where he spent most of his life, and was active in civic and political affairs.

Mr. Atkinson served as Noble Grand of the Odd Fellow Lodge in California, was president of the local association there of the Federal Land Bank, a member of the Moniteau County Fair Board for a number of years, and served as Street and Water Commissioner at California for 12 years. He was a member of the Christian Church there.

He was married to Mary Elizabeth Wood at Sedalia, June 20, 1912, and they were parents of two children, who survive. Besides Mrs. Rohls, there is a son, James of Jefferson City. Also surviving are one granddaughter, Mary Lee Rohls; two brothers, Byron of Barnett, and O.P. of High Point; three sisters, Dora and Idonia of High Point and Fannie of Tebbets. His wife, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at California Wednesday afternoon and burial was made in the cemetery there.

**Unknown Publication, November 1942**

**William Thomas Barnett**, son of William Harrison and Hannah Barnett, was born December 17, 1850 and passed away at his home near Iberia November 13, 1942, at the age of 91 years, 10 months and 4 days.

On January 4, 1874, he was united in marriage to Nancy M. Pearson, who preceded him in death. To this union seven children were born, Bertie, Ida, Edward, Julia, Lilburn, Sophia, and Owen. In 1915 Mr. Barnett united with the Methodist Church and since had lived a true Christian life.

He came to Miller County from Tennessee when two years of age with his parents and had for the past 48 years lived on his farm south of Iberia.

Mr. Barnett leaves six children, many grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He was a pioneer resident of the Iberia community and leaves behind him many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, by the Rev. John Phillips at the Carnes Camp Ground Church with burial in the cemetery there. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Hedges Funeral Home.

**Unknown Publication, July 1922**

**Mary Robins**, who was formerly Mary Huckey, was born Dec. 25, 1868, and died at her home near Bagnell, Mo., July 6, 1922, being at the time of her death 53 years, 6 months and 12 days old. She was married to G.W. Robins, July 1, 1886. To this union 9 children were born, Ernest, Nora, Maude, Herman, James, Lucy, Eddie, George and Hazel, all of Eldon, except two, Ernest and Herman, who departed this life; Ernest when 14 and Herman when one year old.

Mrs. Robins was converted and united with the Flatwoods Baptist Church in December 1908. She was a Sunday school teacher and lived a devoted Christian life until death called her home. While she will be missed her influence for good will go on and will no doubt turn many to Christ.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Elmer Thacker before a congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends. The services were short but impressive as he spoke words of comfort to the bereaved ones and gave a solemn warning to the unsaved. We know that she will be missed in the homes and while it is our loss it is her gain. May the God of Heaven bless and
comfort those who mourn. It will only be a short time until we can meet her where parting will be no more.

The body was laid to rest in the Woods Cemetery to await the resurrection day.

Unknown Publication, December 4, 1969

Mrs. Emma (Wall) Thompson, a native of Miller County, died Nov. 27, 1969, at a Springfield hospital after suffering a stroke a short time earlier. She was a widow of John M. Thompson.

The Thompsons had lived in Miller County and, for several years, in Eldon before moving to Springfield 23 years ago.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning in Springfield and graveside rites that afternoon at the Eldon Cemetery. The Rev. A.L. Alexander officiated at the rites here.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. James Collier, Eldon, and Mrs. James Bleomker and Mrs. Leonard Chinn, both of Springfield; one son, John M. Thompson, Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One of the community’s eldest residents, Mrs. Flora Jane Wilson, died at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1969, at Charles E. Still Hospital, Jefferson City. She had been hospitalized since Nov. 22. Her death occurred just six days after her 94th birthday.

Mrs. Wilson, who lived on Rte. 1, Rocky Mount, was a longtime resident of the area. She was born Nov. 26, 1875, the daughter of Joseph and Lilly Means. In 1899, she was married to William Wilson who died Feb. 9, 1943.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by one son, Herbie Wilson, of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Pool and Mrs. Cora Kimes, of Stillwell, Okla., and grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three children, Roy Wilson, Sarah Miller and Fred Wilson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wilson will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Phillips Chapel in Eldon. The Rev. Donald Merritt of the Barnett Assembly of God will officiate. Burial will be in Union Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, July 1955

Lee Sidebottom, 75, life-long resident of this community, died at 8:30 a.m. Monday, following an illness of ten years. Funeral services were held by the Rev. E.E. Hembree at the Union Church. Interment was in Union Cemetery under the direction of Kays Funeral service.

Mr. Sidebottom was the son of Peter and Rachel Sidebottom, and was born Feb. 15, 1880, near his home. On May 22, 1900, he was married to the former Miss Ella McDonald.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, Louis Sidebottom, Menlo Park, Calif., Winford Sidebottom, Rocky Mount, and Raymond Sidebottom, Cherryville, Ore; one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Asbury, Kansas City; two brothers, Albert Sidebottom, Bartlesville, Okla., and William Sidebottom, Cleveland, Ohio; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant son, one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Radcliff, five brothers and one sister. He was converted at the age of 15.

John Monroe Bunch, 72, formerly a member of the Miller County Court, and a life-long resident of the Eldon area, died at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City Tuesday.

He was a member of the Blue Springs Baptist Church, and was a farmer until his death. He was born August 12, 1882, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Bunch.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie Mae, a foster son, two brothers and several step-children.

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Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Blue Springs Baptist Church by Rev. Williams. Interment will be in Dooley Cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of the Kays Funeral Home.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, September 14, 1967

William Earl Spencer, 57, died late Saturday afternoon, Sept. 9, 1967, at his home south of Eldon. He had worked in the well drilling business with his father and brother until illness forced his retirement.

Mr. Spencer, a son of William E. and Maggie Abigail Crane Spencer, was born March 11, 1910, at Iberia. On March 28, 1932, he was married at Jefferson City to Emily Eiken, who survives at the home. Mr. Spencer was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He moved to Eldon from Eugene about four years ago.

Also surviving are a son, Robert R. Spencer of Henley; two brothers, Walter of Etterville and Jene of Eldon; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Eiken of Jefferson City, Mrs. Marietta Eiken of Kansas City and Mrs. Lela Schulte of Columbia, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Robert Chenoweth officiating. Burial was in Eldon Cemetery, under direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Pallbearers were Curt Eiken, Billy Joe Eiken, Gary Spencer, Ronnie Spencer, Don Spencer, Ronnie Eiken, Jack Saling and Fred Henderson.

Unknown Publication, February 1928

Eula Elizabeth Bond passed out of this life Feb. 21, 1928 at the age of 11 years, 4 months and 7 days. All that loving hands and medical aid was done but in vain. In the evening of the above date the cords of life gave way and the spirit took its flight back to God, who had given it to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tandy E. Bond these last 11 years.

The Baptist Church at Spring Garden was crowded with sympathizing friends in a funeral service conducted by Rev. Gadd of Jefferson City, at 3 o’clock Thursday and the body was laid to rest in the Spring Garden Cemetery. Surviving besides the parents are 3 brothers, Ralph, Kenneth and Marcus.

Unknown Publication, May 1978

Mrs. Delta A. Strahn, 76, of 401 W. 14th ST., Eldon, died Saturday, May 13, 1978, while visiting with her sister and brother in Chariton, Iowa.

She was born Feb. 16, 1902, at Carthage, Ill., to John and Lula Wilson Sullivan. Sept 6, 1922, she was married at Keokuk, Iowa, to Grafton Strahn, who died June 1, 1975.

Mrs. Strahn had lived in the Eldon area for many years. She was a retired seamstress and had worked for Glazer Brothers at Eldon and for Tipton Manufacturing at Tipton. She was a member of the Eastside Assembly of God at Eldon.

Survivors include one son, Ralph Strahn, Homer, La.; a sister, Helen Willet, Chariton, Iowa; a brother, Everett Sullivan, Chariton, Iowa; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One of her grandchildren is Milo Burris Jr. of Eldon.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Buena Huffman officiating. Burial was in Tuscumbia Cemetery under the direction of Griswold-Kays Funeral Home of Eldon.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, February 1974

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am Thursday at Our Lady of Snows Catholic church, Mary's Home, for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Koetting, 83, Rte. 1, Eugene. Mrs. Koetting died Monday, February 4, 1974 at Charles E. Still Hospital, Jefferson City.
She was born to Anton and Margaret Wilbers Lepper at Mary's Home Sept. 11, 1890. She was married Oct. 14, 1913 at Mary's Home to August H. Koetting, who died Feb. 14, 1967. Mrs. Koetting lived in Mary's Home all of her life. She was a member of Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church and the Ladies Sodality at the church.

Surviving her are a son, Alvin Koetting, Mary's Home; a daughter, Mrs. Leona Evers, Mary's Home; three sisters, Mrs. Mathilda Buchta, Jefferson City, and Mrs. Anna Berendzen and Mrs. Maggie Hamacher, both of Eugene; and 15 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

The rosary was prayed for Mrs. Koetting Wednesday. Burial was in the parish cemetery with the Rev. Henry Reichart officiating under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Grandsons were pall bearers. (Source: Mid-Missouri newspaper, February 1974)

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, June 15, 2008

**Dennis L. Shackelford**, age 64, of Brumley, died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at his home. He was born in Iberia on September 23, 1943, son of Raymond Clay and Altha Mae (Shelton) Shackelford. His mother preceded him in death on June 27, 1973. On June 16, 1978, in Brumley, he was married to Glenda Mae Phillips, who survives at the home.

He was a Navy veteran of Vietnam serving his country from the fall of 1965 through the spring of 1966. During his service in Vietnam as a Navy hospital corpsman performing medical evacuations in the combat area of operations for the U.S. Marine Corps, he earned an air medal and a ribbon in lieu of a second air medal award. He was an avid golfer, hunter, and fisherman and truly loved the outdoors. Except for his time in the military service, he lived in and around the Iberia area, a place of people and land he loved.

He was baptized in the Christian Church on the 31st day of March 1956 by Rev. John D. Jenkins in the Tavern Creek near Iberia. He was a member of Iberia First Christian Church. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree through Lincoln University in Jefferson City on the 29th of July 1973. He worked for 30 years at Ft. Leonard Wood. He was a supervisory management analyst whose team(s) was instrumental in determining the manpower and equipment required to support the transfer of the U.S. Army Engineer School, the Military Police School, and the Chemical Schools to Ft. Leonard Wood to eventually form the Maneuver Support Center at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Other survivors include his father, Raymond Shackelford and wife Barb of Eldon; one brother, Dorsey Shackelford and wife Sharon of Jefferson City; one sister, Kathy Jeffries and husband Jim of Kansas City; and several nieces and nephews and other family and friends.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Lee Todd officiating. Interment with military honors will be in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

**Therese M. Roster**, age 69, of Eldon, died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at St. Mary’s Health Center. She was born in Furth, Germany on August 13, 1938, a daughter of the late Richard and Karoline (Fisher) Schubert. On December 5, 1958, in Mainz, Germany, she was married to Harold H. Roster, who survives at the home.

Others who survive her include: three children, Will Roster of Highlandville, Henry Roster and fiancé Debbie Cross of Rolla and Michele Glaze and husband Todd of Eldon; four grandchildren, Brian Roster of Lawrence, Kansas, Megan Aull and husband Morgan of Eldon, Aubry Glaze of Eldon and Daniel Rogers of Rolla; two great granddaughters, Lillian and Rayanna Aull and one sister, Liése Lotte Miller of Lakeland, Florida.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, at Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon. Rev. Chris Reynolds will officiate. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.
Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, June 16, 2008

**Lois Deen (Clark) Cotten**, age 76, of Olean, died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born in St. Anthony on May 23, 1932, a daughter of the late Willard and Alma (Atkinson) Clark.

Lois was a homemaker and attended the New Life Assembly of God Church in Barnett. Those who survive her include: five children, Karen Weeces and husband David of Olean, Glenda Crawford of Eldon, Bobbie Bradshaw and husband David of Eldon, Darryl Burks of Eldon and James Cotten of Osage Beach; 15 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren and two brothers, Virgil Clark of Eldon and Paul Clark of Otterville.

One son, Luckie Ray Burks, seven sisters and three brothers, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, with services immediately following at 12:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Bro. Jerry Hale will officiate. Interment will be in Olean Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

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Walter Gail Abbott, age 84, of Tuscumbia, died Monday, June 16, 2008, at his home. He was born in Tuscumbia on March 22, 1924, son of Charles Elmer and Ollie R. (Roberts) Abbott. On May 29, 1949, at Mt. Zion Christian Church, he was married to Kathryn S. Setser, who survives at the home.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II serving from 1943-1946 in the Philippines and Sydney, Australia. He was a member of the Miller County VFW Post 2442 and the Rocky Mount AmVets Post. He was a member of Mt. Zion Christian Church. He loved spending winters in Texas and also loved sports.

Other survivors include one son, William M. “Bill” Abbott and wife Linda of Tuscumbia; four grandchildren, Gayle Trachsel and husband Matt of Henley, Gwen Kesel and husband Randy of St. Elizabeth, Chad Abbott and fiancée Colleen Griswold of Tuscumbia, and Courtney Abbott of Tuscumbia; and seven great-grandchildren, Sydney, Kenadi, Gage, Madilyn, and Sophia Trachsel and Matthew and Mackenzie Kesel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Billy Gene Abbott.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Charles Worstell will officiate. Interment with military honors by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Tuscumbia.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mt. Zion Cemetery Fund.


William Peer, age 68 of Lake Ozark, died Friday, June 13, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Mo.

He is survived by his wife Judy Peer of Lake Ozark; one daughter, Sherrene Peer of Lake Ozark; one son, Steve Peer of Lake Ozark; and one aunt.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 20 at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Internment will be at the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Anna Mae Maire, age 88, of Fulton, MO, passed away Saturday, June 14, 2008, in Fulton, MO. She was born August 27, 1919, in Ashland, MO, the daughter of John Charles Koffkey and Rose Jane (Cain) Koffkey. She was married April 27, 1961, in Jefferson City, MO to August F. (Gus) Maire, who survives of the home.
She was an LPN, Obstetrics nurse, a member of the Eldon First Baptist Church and a former officer of Eldon Friends of Music. She was an OB nurse for 30 years before retiring. She loved her gardening and canning.

Other survivors include: two sons, Jon “J.R.” and Gina Basnett, Columbia, MO, and Terry and Starr Maire, Santa Cruz, Calif.; two daughters, Carol Ann and Virgil Schulte, Eldon, Mo. and Mary Jane O’Donnell, Fulton, Mo.; nine grandchildren, Shelly Basnett-Clark, Shawn Basnett, Kimberly Carol (Sue) Basnett, Richard Maire, Lori and Shawn Schulte, Joshua, Joseph and Jordan Davis; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Katherine Koffkey; two brothers, Herman C. and Roy E. Koffkey; one grandchild, Meredith Maire.

Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at the funeral home with the Rev. Walter Simpson officiating. Burial in Riverview Cemetery, Jefferson City, Mo. Memorials may be made in care of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, MO.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Jean L. Berry, 70, Eldon, Mo., died Friday, June 17, 2008, in Eldon, Mo.

Survivors include: two daughters, Bonita Hendricks and Anna Hasker; one son, Gerald Berry; one sister, Sharon Mace; four brothers, David Kempker, Mike Kempker, Eddie Kempker and Rod Kempker; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Friday, June 20, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. Services will be at 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 20, 2008 at the funeral home. Interment will be in Dooley Cemetery, Eldon, Mo.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, June 20, 2008

James Paul Henley, 91, of Jefferson City, formerly of Fulton, died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at Adam’s Street Place in Jefferson City. He was born May 23, 1917, in Eugene, Mo., the son of the late Lester Wilburn and Wilda Alma (Loveall) Henley.


He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. After the war, he worked for Harbison Walker. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fulton.

He is survived by four sons: James Lester Henley and wife, Mary of Hartsburg, Bob Henley of Jefferson City, Kenneth Henley and wife Connie of Jefferson City, and Marcus Henley and wife, Jeanine of Lee’s Summit; one sister, Sylvia Farmer and husband Freeman of Joplin; two granddaughters, Sarah Trittler and husband Joe and Hannah Henley; six grandsons, Chris Henley, Rob Henley, Ben Henley, Jacob Henley, Brandon Henley, and Zackery Henley; and five great-grandsons, Ryan and Jack Henley, Ross, Ian and Lance Trittler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ruth, one grandson, Tyler “TJ” Henley, one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 23, at Debo Funeral Home in Fulton with Rev. Glenna McVeigh and Pastor Murray Buschert officiating. Burial will follow in Callaway Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church in Fulton or the Disabled American Veterans c/o Debo Funeral Home, 833 Court St., P.O. Box 818, Fulton, MO 65251.
The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, June 19, 2008

**Glee DeGraffenreid Martin**, 88, of Eldon died Friday, June 13, 2008 at her home. She was born March 21, 1920, in Miller County to Elijah and Olive “Ollie” Huddleston DeGraffenreid. She was married April 24, 1937, in Camdenton to John Wesley Martin, who died May 26, 2003.

Mrs. Martin made a profession of faith at 12 years old and later was a member of the Brumley Christian Church.

Surviving are a daughter and her husband, Beverly A. and John W. Dunstan of Eldon; a grandson Perry S. and wife Ingrid Britson Dunstan of Raleigh, N.C.; and two great-granddaughters, Chloe Louise and Celia Ann Dunstan.

Visitation was held Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Her body was donated to the School of Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia, as an anatomical gift. Memorials may be made to SSM Hospice, 520 Ellis Blvd., Suite N., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

C. May Phillips, 94, of Brumley died Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the Osage Beach Health Care Facility in Osage Beach. She was born June 9, 1914, in Brumley to Samuel and Prudie Vernettie Robinett Phillips.

Miss Phillips had a career in education as a teacher that spanned 39 years. She was a lifetime member of the Brumley Baptist Church and for 20 years served as the church treasurer. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Miller County Historical Society. She raised her great-niece Nicole from a very young age.

She is survived by her great-niece and her husband, Nicole and Zak Watson of Columbia, and her children, Audrey May, Max Gordon and Martha Watson; a sister-in-law, Peggy Phillips of Osage Beach; a sister, Thelma Byrd; and other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach. Burial was in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley.


**Jeffrey “Jeff” Allen Wall**, 18, of Rocky Mount, Mo., died Thursday, June 19, 2008, in Osage Beach, MO. He was born January 16, 1990, in Kansas City, Kan., to Sheryel (Jones) Dooley and Brian Wall. He graduated from Eldon High School. He was a laborer and did tile work.

Survivors include his mother, Sheryel Dooley of Rocky Mount; his father, Brian Wall of Rocky Mount; one sister, Karla Juarez of Sunrise Beach; and three brothers, Joshua Juarez of Eldon, Brian (B.J.) Wall and Brandon Wall, both of Rocky Mount.

His body was cremated and private services will take place at a later date. Arrangements provided by Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.

The Miller County Sentinel, January 9, 1958

**C. D. Snodgrass**, 67, well known in Maries, Miller and adjoining counties as a school man and attorney, died during the early part of last Monday afternoon, January 6, at his home in Tuscumbia, where he had been ill for several months. Not only was he known throughout this area, but he also was known among the educators of Missouri. Mr. Snodgrass had been bedfast during the past year, with his condition gradually growing worse.

Charles David Snodgrass was born at Vichy, in Maries County, on October 2, 1890, the son of James David and Harriet Elizabeth Snodgrass. Both his paternal and maternal ancestors were English.

December 20, 1916, he was married to Edith Mabel Cordsmeyer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Cordsmeyer, at Lane Prairie.
Mr. Snodgrass was a graduate of Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg and also studied at the University of Missouri. On November 28, 1928, he was admitted to the bar in Tuscumbia.

He held a Master’s degree from Missouri University and was licensed to practice law in state and federal courts. In 1938 he was the Republican candidate for State Superintendent of Schools, and he had served as president of the South Central State Teachers Association.

For four years he was County Superintendent of Schools in Maries County; was superintendent of Bland Schools for two years, was Superintendent of the Dixon Schools for two years and after moving to Miller County was Superintendent at the Brumley High School for three years. For a time, the Snodgrass family lived in Iberia, later moving to the county seat.

In 1927, Mr. Snodgrass was elected County Superintendent of Schools in Miller County and served in that capacity for 23 years. After retirement as a county official, he practiced law, with his office located across the street from the court house in Tuscumbia.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Albert Hagen of Columbia and Mrs. A.O. Klein of Kansas City, two sons, LeRoy, who is Prosecuting Attorney of Miller County, and Irvin, who is postmaster at Tuscumbia; two sisters, Mrs. Olivia Gillispie and Mrs. Nannie James of Vienna, and three brothers, Jess of Vichy, George of Vienna and Ebenezer of Rolla.

He was preceded in death by an 8-month-old daughter, Mabel Louise, who was a twin sister of LeRoy Snodgrass of Tuscumbia. The small daughter died while the family lived in Brumley.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at three o’clock at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Burial will be made in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home web site, June 25, 2008


Survivors include his mother, Phyllis Dake Smith of Columbia; one son, James Michael Dake of Columbia; one daughter, Mary Grace Dake of Columbia; his maternal grandparents, Farris and Iris Dake of Dixon; two brothers, Rick Shelton and wife Debbie of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, and Justin Smith of Columbia; three sisters, LaVan Walker and husband Dale of Paragould, Arkansas, Sheila Shelton of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Lynna Howard and husband Eddie of Paragould, Arkansas; seven nieces and nephews; nine great nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father on October 6, 1976, and his paternal grandparents, William and Marie Shelton.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, June 27, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Sullens officiating. Interment will be in Freedom Cemetery near Dixon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Jamey Dake Memorial Fund.

Unknown Publication, March 1875

Died, at his residence in Versailles, Mo., on the 20th inst., of consumption. Judge J.V. Allee in the 43 year of his age. Judge Allee was a native Missourian, having been born in Cole, now Moniteau County, on the 29th day of November 1832. He never resided out of the state.

At a very early age he professed religion, joined the Baptist Church and continued through life a consistent member of that organization. He was married three times. His third wife survives him.

Judge Allee became a citizen of our county in 1863, and soon assumed a prominence and acquired an influence among our people. He was elected Probate Judge in 1872, and from that time until prevented by sickness, he has fulfilled the duties of that office faithfully and well. A
leading member of the Grange, he probably did more to further the interests of that organization than any other one man in our country. He leaves a large family to mourn his loss. By his death the country has lost an upright and efficient officer; society an honorable and respected member, and his family a loving husband and father.

The Eldon Advertiser, 1944

The following is a report of the death of Lt. Bill Allee, nephew of Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Allee and Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Allee of Olean, reveals that he was aboard an unmarked Jap prison ship which was struck by U.S. torpedoes last October 24, 1944.

Hope for their son’s safety was crushed yesterday for Dr. and Mrs. Gail D. Allee of the Veterans Administration Facility, Wadsworth, by a War Department telegram which informed them Lt. William Allee definitely was killed when U.S. Torpedoes struck an unmarked Japanese prison ship last October 24, 1944. Dr. Allee is chief medical officer at the veteran’s facility.

Their son, overseas since August 1941, was a prisoner in Camp No. 1 in the Phillipines. He might have been among the men who were liberated last February but for a turn of events which separated him from his fellow prisoners last July. He was sent either to Japan or to Manchuria as chief of a prison hospital.

Reports from men who were imprisoned with the young doctor said he was doing wonderful work among the allied wounded in the Japanese prisons, and those who saw him just before he was removed in July said he had begun to gain back weight he had lost early in his imprisonment, and was looking fine.

The last word the Allees had from their son directly was a card written in May 1944, which arrived here last December. Their correspondence with him was of necessity been restricted greatly all through the period of his internment.

Alee’s wife, Mrs. Jane Allee, of Memphis, Tenn., will arrive at Wadsworth tomorrow morning to be with his parents. The two spent only three weeks together after their marriage before the officer’s sudden assignment to the Phillipines which ended in his death.

The Eldon Advertiser, August 8, 1946

Dr. Gail D. Allee, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. W.S. Allee of Olean, Mo., died July 30, at the summer home of Mrs. Paul Brown, a sister-in-law, at Bay View Michigan. Services were held in Lupton Funeral Chapel, St. Louis, on Saturday, August 3, with interment in St. Louis. Rev. Groshan Gunn, who formerly lived at Lamar, Mo., conducted the services.

Dr. Allee was a native of Miller County and was born on August 7, 1876. He would have been 70 years of age on his next birthday. He attended Missouri University and St. Louis University and after graduation, practiced medicine at Lamar, Mo. He was married to Katharine Clark of Lamar. Three children were born, namely, Gail, Margaret and William S. Allee.

Dr. Allee entered World War I as a Captain and at the close was transferred to Whipple Barracks, Whipple, Ariz., where he was Commanding Officer and in 1932 became Chief of Medical Staff of the Veterans Administration, Wadsworth, Kans. He retired because of ill health on April 1st of this year and moved to St. Louis.

At the time Dr. Allee left Missouri, he was treasurer of the Missouri State Medical Association. Both his father and his brother, Dr. W.L. Allee, were past presidents of this association.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Gail who is in Germany with her husband, Lt. Col. Charles Jenkins, and Margaret who is taking postgraduate work at Washington University at St. Louis.

His son, Capt. William S. Allee in the Medical Corps, World War II, was reported lost when American prisoners of the Japanese were being transported from Japan to Manchuria.
Also surviving are three brothers, R.H. Allee, Tulsa, Okla., Dr. W.L. Allee, Eldon, Mo., and H. P. Allee, Olean, Mo. Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Allee, Dr. and Mrs. James Allee, and Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Allee and Mrs. Harry Hall were among those attending the services.

The Eldon Advertiser, November 1959

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the First Christian Church of Eldon for Dr. Warren Logan Allee, 77, a lifetime resident of Miller County who had practiced medicine in Eldon for more than 53 years.

Dr. Allee passed away in his sleep about 6:45 a.m. Monday at a nursing home in St. Petersburg, Fla. A nurse had been into his room at 5:30 a.m. to give him a drink of water, and returning an hour and 15 minutes later, found he had died moments before as he slept.

He had gone to Florida only two days earlier. On Saturday, Dr. Allee was taken by ambulance to St. Louis and there accompanied his son, Dr. James W. Allee, by plane to St. Petersburg, arriving Saturday night. Word was received here that he had stood the trip fine and was feeling well when his son spent Sunday with him.

Dr. Allee had been in declining health the past year. He underwent surgery Dec. 9, 1958. During the past two months his health had failed rapidly. However, he was at his office the first of last week, and on Thursday before his departure for Florida was downtown in the car.

His body was to arrive in Eldon on Thanksgiving morning, and lie in state after 4 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. It will then lie in state at the church from 12:30 p.m. Friday until the services.

Dr. Allee, the son of the late Dr. W.S. And Laura Cyrena (Huston) Allee, was born Nov. 1, 1882, at Olean. He attended Olean Grade School, the Spring Garden Institute, and the Iberia Academy before going to the University of Missouri at Columbia for his pre-medical studies.

In 1906 he graduated from the St. Louis University Medical School and took his junior internship at the MK&T Railroad Hospital. On June 1, 1906, Dr. Allee began his practice in Eldon with the late Dr. G.D. Walker during the horse and buggy era. On Oct. 27, 1906, he was married to Miss Maude Franklin of Eldon. Since 1917, Dr. Allee had maintained his office at 7 S. Maple St., in a brick building built by him and the late J.A. Taylor, D.D.S.

Dr. Allee was a veteran of World War I military service. Both he and his wife, who preceded him in death Nov. 16, 1954, were active in church, civic and social events of the community. A longtime member of the First Christian Church of Eldon, he was a member of the official church board at the time of his death and had formerly served as chairman of the board.

For more than 40 years he had been a director of the Bank of Eldon, and only the first of this month resigned as president, a position he had held since 1953. In recognition of his years of service to the bank and the community, he was elected to the post of honorary chairman of the board. Dr. Allee also had devoted years of service to the school board, the PTA and other civic groups.

He had served as president of the Missouri State Medical Association, being named president elect in 1933 and presiding at the annual meeting in St. Joseph in 1934. For a number of years he also was one of Missouri’s four delegates to the American Medical Association.

In April 1956, he was honored by the Missouri State Medical Association for his half century of service in the practice of medicine at the association’s 98th annual meeting in St. Louis.

Eldon, Miller County and surrounding areas also paid tribute to Dr. Allee just three years ago last week. On November 19, 1956, a standing room only crowd gathered at the Masonic Temple for a dinner in his honor sponsored by the Eldon Chamber of Commerce.

Further recognition was given him by the community this fall when the Eldon R-1 Schools’ new athletic field was named Allee Field. In addition to his son of St. Petersburg, Fla., Dr. Allee is survived by a daughter, Mrs. R.H. Hinz of Leavenworth, Kan.; two brothers, H.P. Allee of Olean and Rea Allee of Kansas City; and three grandchildren, Galt and Sidney Allee of
St. Petersburg, and Nell Franklin Hinz of Leavenworth. A third brother, Dr. G.D. Allee, died in 1946.

The Rev. C.N. VanDyke, pastor of the church, will conduct the services Friday. The body will then be taken to Kansas City for cremation and interment at Forest Hill Cemetery.

**Unknown Publication, November 1964**

The Rev. Henry Wilson Allee of Urich, a retired Baptist minister, died Monday night (November 2, 1964) at Clinton General Hospital. He was admitted to the hospital Sunday afternoon. His death, one day after his 82nd birthday, was attributed to pneumonia.

The Rev. Mr. Allee had pastured the Olean Rock Enon, Green Ridge and Cole Spring churches. He had been retired for several years. A son of the late Thomas and Sally Ann Allee, he was born and reared near Califronia, Mo. He was the last member of his parents’ family.

He was first married to Millie Edith Armstrong of High Point. They were the parents of three children. After her death he married Mrs. Blanch Tutt of Tipton.

Survivors include his wife of the home in Urich; one daughter, Mrs. Leland (Nell Ruth) Melton, Eldon; two sons, Ernest of Springfield and Paul of Independence; two step-daughters, Mrs. Harold (Martha) Hinds, Glendale, Calif. And Mrs. Howard (Mary) Arney, Burbank, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Urich Baptist Church where he held membership. Graveside rites were conducted at 4:30 p.m. at the Clarksburg Cemetery.

**Unknown Publication, August 1966**

Funeral services for Mrs. Blanche Allee are tentatively set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Eldon.


Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon is in charge of local arrangements. Burial will be in the Bunceton Cemetery.

**Unknown Publication, February 1926**

Mrs. Laura C. Allee, who departed this life at her home in Olean, Feb. 3, 1926, was born at Charleston, MO., August 31, 1851. Her father, Dr. William Huston, was born in Richmond, Virginia, where he lived until his education was completed. Her mother was a daughter of Dr. Peyton Pitman of Kentucky. She had no sister and but one brother, Doctor Warren Huston, who passed from this life several years ago.

The parents of Mrs. Allee both died in her early infancy and her early life was spent in the home of her uncle, Morton Hines, of Cape Girardeau. She later attended school at which is now known as Lindenwood College, at St. Charles. On her way to and from school she stopped while in St. Louis at the home of friends of the Hines family where she met a young medical student, William S. Allee, to whom she was married April 29, 1875.

Dr. Allee and his bride began housekeeping at California, Mo., but soon after moved to High Point. Later in 1882 they built the first house in Olean, moving into it Aug. 2. Four sons were born to them, Dr. Gail D. Allee, Whipple Barracks, Arizona; Rea H. Allee of Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. W.L. Allee of Eldon and H.P. Allee, cashier of the Miller County Exchange Bank at Olean. After the death of Senator Allee in 1916, Mrs. Allee made her home with her youngest son at Olean.

Mrs. Allee was a member of the Southern Presbyterian Church, the Kings Daughters, Rebekah Lodge, and a charter member of the Olean Order of Eastern Star. She was a woman highly respected and was very devoted to her family. A good woman whose influence in community life meant a great deal because of her high ideals and practical way of looking at life’s duties and responsibilities in the home and in the community.
Rev. Allen Duncan of Moberly, Mo., former pastor and friend of the Dr. G.D. Allee family of Lamar, conducted the funeral services at the Olean Baptist Church, Friday afternoon. She was buried at the Olean Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, December 1959

Rea H. Allee, 80, a son of the late Dr. W.S. Allee and Laura C. (Huston) Allee, died Dec. 23 (1959) at his home in Kansas City. He was born at High Point on July 1, 1879. His parents moved to Olean in 1882.

He was educated at Olean, Clarksburg and the University of Missouri at Columbia. He was in the hardware business at Olean a short time and after a few years as cashier of the Miller County Exchange Bank, he moved to Jefferson City where he was in the lumber business. He lived in Kansas City for more than 40 years and was in the real estate business for a while and was a salesman in the Bunting Hardware Store for many years before his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace E. Allee; four sons, Herbert R. Allee, Kansas City, Dick W. Allee, Costa Mesa, Calif.; Stewart P. Allee, Tulsa, Okla., and Logan Henry Allee, Alamogordo, N. Mex.; three grandsons, Bill Allee, Tulsa, Okla., and Bill Allee and Tom Allee, Manitou, Colo., and one brother, Priest Allee, Olean.

A brother, Dr. Gail D. Allee, died in 1946, and a brother, Dr. W.L. Allee, died Nov. 23, 1959.

The funeral service was held at the Freeman Mortuary in Kansas City on September at 9:30 a.m. and the graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Charles Cox at the Olean Cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Unknown Publication, Dallas Texas, Aug. 24, 1954

Mrs. Tom Braniff, “the first lady of aviation” whose husband and only son were killed in plane crashes, died today of cancer at the age of 67. Whe and her husband, who founded Braniff International Airways, had fought the disease with time and money for research. At one time, he headed the American Cancer Society.

Catholic funeral and burial services will be held here Thursday. Braniff was killed in a private plane crash near Shreveport, La., last January. In recognition of her contributions to the company, the airline’s board of directors elected Mrs. Braniff to the vice presidency after her husband’s death.

She died at her home here at 7:30 a.m. following several months of illness. Mrs. Braniff, before her marriage, was Bess Thurman, daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. Berry G. Thurman of Lamar, MO. She was born in Lamar July 25, 1887, was graduated from Christian College in Columbia, MO., and in 1912 was married. The couple moved to Oklahoma City, where Braniff established the T.E. Braniff Company, a leading mortgage and insurance company in the Southwest. It built one of Oklahoma City’s first skyscrapers and in 1928, launched Braniff Airways.

Mrs. Braniff was the last survivor of her immediate family. Her only son, Thurman, was killed in a private plane crash. Her only daughter, Jeanne, who married Dr. Alex Terrill of Dallas, died in childbirth in 1948. Dr. Terrill died the following year.

After her husband’s death last winter, Mrs. Braniff took over many of his charitable and civic responsibilities. She was named to the board of directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, participated in the establishment of the new Dallas University, became president and director of the Braniff Foundation (a charitable organization established in 1944 jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Braniff for the support of educational, religious, scientific and research endeavors), and was named the first woman trustee of the Southwestern Legal Foundation of Southern Methodist University.

Last December at Houston, she received one of the highest honors the Catholic Church can bestow on a laywoman. She was named a Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy
Sepulchre of Jerusalem, an ancient order of the church. Last month, Pope Pius XII sent her the cross for church and pontiff.

Miller County Autogram, Thursday February 15, 1934

One of count's best pioneer citizens dies: Miller county lost by death one of its most honored and esteemed citizens Saturday, February 10, at 12:15 O'clock, when Daniel Malachi Wyrick answered the summons at his home five miles southeast of Tuscumbia after a nine-day illness of a complication of diseases. The deceased was born February 12, 1858, and at the time of his death, was 75 years, 11 months and 28 days old.

About 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Parthena Wyrick. To this union three children survive. They are Mrs. J. H. Wickham, of Eldon; Charley Wyrick of Tuscumbia; and Mrs. Lois Wyrick of Pratt Kansas. Then about 1887, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Jennie Curry and to this union two children survive. They are Carroll Wyrick of Hillview, Illinois, and Mrs. Ina Royster of Kansas City. Also, the deceased leaves twenty grandchildren and ten great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Wyrick united with the Mt. Zion Newlight church about forty years ago and his life here has been one of honor and straightforwardness. He was always ready to do his part in every good and noble cause and there were none who sympathizes with the unfortunate and in trouble more than he. The good deeds by him will not be forgotten and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him in his daily walks of life.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Zion church at 11 a.m. Monday by Rev. C. M. Sooter and burial was in the church cemetery nearby. Pall bearers were Toney Weitz, Victor Nixdorf, Oscar Abbett, Louis Crismon, Alvin Wyrick and Port Pyles. Flower carriers: Ethel Wyrick, Opal Wyrick, Mrs. Ethel Smith, Mrs. Ford Vaughan, Mrs. Ruby Flaugher, Cornia Pyles, and Lloyd Candler. Song services were in charge of T. C. Wright, Tennyson Clay Wright, Jr., Jack Lamb and Myron Hickey.

Unknown Publication, December 1952

Funeral services for Joseph Alexander Cotten, a former state representative, were held Sunday afternoon at the Barnett church. The Rev. Malcolm Younger of Eldon officiated. Interment was in the Big Rock Cemetery with Phillips Funeral Home service.

Mr. Cotton, 85, died at his home in Barnett at 10 a.m. Friday following a week’s illness due to a heart ailment. He was born near Rocky Mount June 24, 1867, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Lydia Ann Cotten. He was the last member of a family of eight children. John, Richard, Sherman, Alice, Louisa, Amelia and Emiline preceded him in death.

On February 5, 1911, he was married to Anna Lucinda Yows at Eldon with Dr. Garvin officiating. To this union two children were born: Frank Gordon Cotten of Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. Margaret Jones of Kansas City. Besides his son and daughter he is survived by his son-in-law Jack R. Jones and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank G. Cotten, and two grandchildren, Daniel Joseph and Margaret Darlene Cotten. Mrs. Cotten preceded him in death June 16, 1946.

As a young man Mr. Cotten taught several terms of school in Morgan and Miller counties. In 1921-22 he served as a member of the House of Representatives from Morgan County and at one time served as collector of Miller County.

In April 1913 he became a member of the Barnett Baptist Church and served many years as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Funeral services for Alonzo Reed, a pioneer citizen of Miller County, were held Monday afternoon at the Phillips Funeral Home. The Rev. Malcolm A. Younger conducted the service and burial was made in the Gott Cemetery near Ulman. Mr. Reed died Friday evening at the Schneider Nursing Home. He was 87 years of age.
For many years Mr. Reed was actively engaged in merchandising and farming in Miller and Morgan counties. In 1924 he moved to Johnson County where he engaged in the lumber business at Leeton. Also during this time he operated a farm in Johnson County with a son, John T. Reed.

He is survived by three sons: Ralph Reed of Eldon, A.K. Reed of California, Mo., and John T. Reed of Knob Noster.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Mrs. Charles D. Bailey of Eldon, Mrs. Robert Beckmeyer of Nashville, Ill., Miss Lisle Reed of Miami, Fla., James Reed of the U.S. Navy, Mrs. Gilbert Droegy and J.T. Reed Jr. of Knob Noster and Mrs. Melvin Welch of Warrensburg. Seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Unknown Publication, November 13, 1952

Funeral services for Alonzo Houston Buchanan, lifetime resident of this community were held Monday afternoon at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. C.K. Gortner in charge. Interment was in Dooley Cemetery.

Mr. Buchanan, 75, died at his home in Eldon Saturday following a prolonged illness. He was born in Miller County January 28, 1877.

Soon after the completion of the Rock Island railroad line through Eldon, he went to work on the section crew, remaining with the Rock Island until his retirement a few years ago.

He was married to Leora Alice Kays November 15, 1910. They were the parents of seven children all of whom survive. When a young man, Mr. Buchanan joined the Blue Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include: Mrs. Buchanan of the family home in Eldon, four daughters: Mrs. Lloyd North of Buffalo, Mrs. J.J. Dubler of Iowa Falls, Ia., and Mrs. Thurman Upton and Mrs. Dorothy Bailey of Eldon; three sons, Lewis and Edgar of Eldon, and James of Baytown, Tex.; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Unknown Publication, February 1968

William Clay Martin, 72, of Columbus, Mont., a former Miller countian, died Feb. 14 at Bakersfield, Calif. where he and Mrs. Martin were spending the winter with their daughter and family.

Mr. Martin was born near Ulman, the youngest son of Moses and Zylphia (Winfrey) Martin. In his youth he united with the Ulman Baptist Church. In 1914 he was married to Miss Edna Neal who survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Roy (Zylphia) Talluto of Bakersfield and one son, Doris Wayne Martin, of Bozeman, Mont.; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. K.P. (Livona) King of Vale, Ore.

The Martins moved to Fishtail, Mont. in 1917 and engaged in ranching there until 1923 when he became a rural mail carrier. He continued in this employment until his illness.

Funeral services were conducted in Columbus on Monday. Burial was also there. Phil Martin of Bonner Springs, Kan. and Charley Martin of Kansas City, nephews of the late Mr. Martin, attended the services.

Unknown Publication, February 18, 1926

William Kliethermes, an aged and highly respected citizen of this county, died at the home of his son, Mathias, near St. Elizabeth, Sunday, February 7. The deceased was born in Germany and came to this country in 1866. He was 88 years 11 months and 7 days old when he died, lacking only 20 days reaching the age of 89. When he came to America he first settled at Loose Creek, Osage County, where he lived until about 15 years ago when he came to this county to make his home with his son Mat.
He was married twice, the first time to Miss Elizabeth Tellman, and to this union six children were born. One daughter, Elizabeth, died about twenty years ago and the five yet living are Joseph, _____an, Mrs. Agnes Jansen, Mrs. M___ Brand and Mrs. Emma Muen___. Mrs. Kliethermes died February___, 1878, and on the 27th day of May 1879, Mr. Kliethermes was married to Mrs. Gertrude Lohren. Three children were born to this union. Two died in infancy and one, Mathias is living. Two step-children, Mrs. Katie Tellman and Mrs. Frank Scheulen, also survive him. The second wife also survives.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bruch at the St. Lawrence Church, St. Elizabeeth Wednesday, the 10th and burial was made in the St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The Eldon Advertiser, January 2, 1979

Kenneth D. Wall, 63, of Mountain View died Saturday (Dec. 30, 1978) at a Poplar Bluff hospital. He was a former resident of Iberia.

The funeral was conducted today at the Stevinson Funeral Home at Iberia. Bro. Steve Shepherd officiated. Burial was in the Madden Cemetery near Iberia.

Mr. Wall was born May 26, 1915, at Iberia, son of Rolla and Elsie Bond Wall. His mother survives at Iberia. On June 27, 1942, he was married at St. Charles to Goldia Brooks, who survives at the home.

He was a retired farmer and butcher. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the Mt. Union Church of Christ near Iberia and the V.F.W. Post at Mountain View. He had lived in Mountain View since 1975.

Other survivors include: three daughters, Mrs. Faye Tucker, Mexico, Mrs. Karen Diane Cooper, Brumley, and Mrs. Kathryn Shelton, Iberia; one son; one brother, Gerald Wall, Iberia; three sisters, Mrs. Phyllis Resa, Eldon, Mrs. Geraldine Padden, St. Louis and Mrs. Loeta Herrell, Kansas City; and 12 grandchildren.

Unknown Publication, October 1967

A former Miller Countian, C. Fred Pemberton, 81, died Sunday, Oct. 1, in the Southwestern Convalescent Manor in Oklahoma City, where he had been a patient for five months. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was born and reared in Miller County, south of Brumley, the son of the late George W. and Nancy Gunn Pemberton. While living here, he was engaged in farming and in the general mercantile business in Brumley and Iberia. He and his family moved to Oklahoma in 1919 and to Oklahoma City in 1928. He was a retired salesman and former oil field worker.

Dec. 8, 1904, he was married to the former Carrie Pennington who survives. Other survivors include one brother, Matt, of Richland; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond G. (Freddie J.) Marvin of Sapulpa, Okla.; three sons, Cyde O., Rae Quentin, and J. Wendell, all of Oklahoma City; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Oct. 4, at the Vondel L. Smith Mortuary in Oklahoma City with Dr. Frank Baugh, pastor of the Exchange Baptist Church officiating. Mr. Pemberton was a Baptist. Burial was in the Rest Haven Cemetery.

About 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Mrs. Wendell (Marion) Pemberton, 44, a daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pemberton, died in the South Community Hospital in Oklahoma City where she had been hospitalized for five weeks with cancer.

Mrs. Pemberton was born in Baltimore, Md., and moved to Oklahoma City in 1958.

Survivors include her husband, Wendell; three sons, Jerry, Jackie and Christopher, all of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Harrison of Baltimore; and a brother, LeRoy, also of Baltimore.
Funeral services for Mrs. Pemberton were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Vondel L. Smith Mortuary in Oklahoma City with Dr. Hugh R. Bumpas officiating. Mrs. Pemberton was a Baptist. Burial was in the Rest Haven Cemetery.

Mrs. Pemberton’s parents and brother had visited her during her illness and her mother and brother were there at the time of her death.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, June 26, 2008

William Parker Lipe, 73, of Kaiser died Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at University Hospital in Columbia. He was born June 6, 1936, in Pittsburg, Mo., to Bernard and Imogene Vaughn Lipe. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Bolivar. He was married in July 1954 to Martha Marie Nichols, and they had two children. He later married Helen Barrow in November 1997. She survives of the home.

Mr. Lipe was saved at age 12 at the Pittsburg Missionary Baptist Church. He was a member of the Lake Ozark Christian Church and served as an elder. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. After graduating from college, he taught school for several years in Lebanon and Versailles. He later worked for the Missouri Retired Teachers Association.

Also surviving him are his children, Steven Lipe of Granite City, Ill., and Julie Finley of Holts Summit; three stepchildren, Bruce and wife Ann Barrow of Prairie Village, Kan., Brent and wife Angie Barrow of Washington, D.C., and Mona and husband John Ferrugia of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren, David Lipe of St. Louis, Chris Lipe and wife Jessica of Union and Brad Wankum of Holts Summit; six step-grandchildren; three sisters, Ada Lee Walker and Wanda Vee Lightfoot, both of Bolivar, and Delores Collins of Peculiar; and two brothers, Ronnie Lipe and Donnie Lipe, both of Bolivar.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 20, at the Pittsburg Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery with Bro. Gayland Lightfoot officiating. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Lake Ozark Christian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Pitts Chapel of Greenlawn Funeral Home in Bolivar. Memorials may be made to the Lake Ozark Christian Church.


Surviving him in addition to his mother are a son, James Michael Dake of Columbia; a daughter, Mary Grace Dake of Columbia; his maternal grandparents, Farris and Iris Dake of Dixon; two brothers, Rick Shelton of Walnut Ridge, Ark., and Justin Smith of Columbia; and three sisters, LaVan Walker and Lynna Howard, both of Paragould, Ark., and Sheila Shelton of Jonesboro, Ark.

His paternal grandparents, William and Marie Shelton, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will follow with the Rev. Kenneth Sullins officiating. Burial will be in Freedom Cemetery near Dixon. Memorials may be made to the Jamey Dake Memorial Fund.

Mike Cochran, 58, of Osage Beach died Saturday, June 21, 2008, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach.

He is survived by his brothers, Terry of Osage Beach, Mark of Overland Park, Kan., and Tom of Ohio; and a sister, Margaret Matthews of Kentucky.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach. The body was cremated.
Cecil Zachary Jr., 51, died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at his home in Oceanside, Calif. He lived alone and was found murdered in his bed. Mr. Zachary was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had been a paraplegic since 1973.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, John “Jack” and Glenda “Kinni” Nichols of Iberia; a sister, Shannon Powell of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three stepsisters, Debra, Terri and Linda. He was preceded in death by his father, Cecil Zachary Sr. of Kalispell, Mont., two brothers, Jeffrey and Christopher and two infant sisters. No memorial services are planned at this time.

Thelma Lavona Jeffries, 87, died Monday, June 23, 2008 in the Emmetsburg (Iowa) Care Center. She was born Sept. 8, 1920, in Milo, Iowa, to Grant and Vinnie Clark Biddle. In May 1946, she was married in Lacona, Iowa, to Riley Orvill Jeffries, who died in 1990. Mrs. Jeffries was employed at Snowden Garment Factory in Osceola, Iowa, where she and her husband lived. He built and served as pastor of the Assembly of God Church there. They later moved to Vermillion, S.D., before returning to Osceola. They later moved to Osceola. She was an active member of the Assembly of God Church and the Women’s Ministries. Surviving are three brothers, Walter Biddle of Des Moines, Iowa, the Rev. John Biddle of Mt. Ayr, Iowa, and the Rev. David Biddle of Emmetsburg, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Martin-Mattice Funeral Home in Emmetsburg, Iowa, with the Rev. David Biddle officiating. Burial will be in Eldon Cemetery.

Clay “Chuck” Emmerson Duncan, 86, died Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Sunset Village of the Ozarks in St. Robert. He was born Jan 30, 1922, in Iberia to Clyde and Mildred Cochran Duncan. On March 23, 1950, he was married to Nadine Long, who survives at the home. Mr. Duncan was reared in Iberia and attended school in the community. He was employed with Civil Service at Ft. Leonard Wood and retired after working 32 years at the Commissary. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and was a founding member of the Concord Christian Church near Crocker where he was a faithful member for more than 50 years.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two children, Linda Cade and husband Robert of Holts Summit and Randy Duncan and wife Kathy of Crocker; two sisters, Glotha Meredith of Iberia and Kitty Slinkard of Columbia; four grandchildren, Heather, Christopher, Holly and Jami; and a great-grandchild, Keagan.

Funeral services were held June 3 at Concord Christian Church with Lee Todd officiating. Burial was in Crocker Memorial Park under the direction of Richland Memorial Chapel. Memorials may be made to the church.


Kenneth Daniels Sr., 69, of Eldon, died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at his home in Eldon, Mo. He is survived by his three sons, Rob Daniels, Jerry Daniels and Jeff Daniels all of Eldon, Mo.; six grandchildren; one brother, Leon Daniels of Kansas City, and one sister, Blanche McDowell of Kansas City. He was preceded in death by his parents, several brothers and sisters.

His body has been cremated and services will be at a later date. Interment will be at the Antioch Cemetery in Oakland, Mo.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, June 27, 2008

Luther C. Hicks, 64, of Tremont, Ill., died Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at his home. He was a United States Navy veteran.

Survivors include: his wife, Sharon E. Keys Hicks of Eldon, Mo.; one son, Travis J. Hicks of Pekin, Ill.; four brothers, Glen & Pat Hicks of Eldon, Leon and Sue Hicks of Jefferson
City; Donald and Shirley Hicks of Eldon and Herb and Peggy Hicks of Burlington, Ky.; two sisters, Erma and Harold Hayes of Hermitage and Clara Stark of Hallsville; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 28, from 12-1 p.m. with a memorial service at 1 p.m. at the Eldon First Assembly of God in Eldon.

Unknown Publication, August 1952

The funeral of Mrs. Clifford Middleton, 56, was held Friday afternoon at the Phillips Funeral Home, with Rev. Edwin Barnes pastor of the Methodist Church in charge. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Ladene Winget was born December 1, 1895 in Miller County, the daughter of Judson and Cordelia Morris Winget. On November 23, 1915, she was married to Clifford Middleton and they were the parents of four children. One daughter died in infancy, one at the age of 2 ½ years and a son, Forrest, drowned in 1947.

Mrs. Middleton died Wednesday evening, August 13, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City. She has been in failing health for the past two years and was admitted to the hospital August 2.

She spent her entire life in this community and since her marriage she and her husband have resided on their farm north of Eldon.

Surviving besides her husband are her daughter, Mrs. Estel Dutcher of Barnett; three grandchildren, Joyce Mitchell and Phillip; three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Pearl Lowery of Olean, Mrs. Maude Williams of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. Lois Jones of Independence, Mo.; and Delbert Winget of Eldon.

Unknown Publication, July 1986

Fern Anna Malmberg, 78, of Iberia died Sunday, July 27, 1986 at Lincoln Manor Nursing Home in Jefferson City. She was born Dec. 3, 1907, in Webb City to Henry and Myrtle Logdston Stroyick. On Jan 20, 1924, she was married to Clarence Everett Malmberg who died March 25, 1982.

Mrs. Malmberg was a member of the Iberia Church of the Nazarene and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving her are two sons, Otis Malmberg of Moore, Okla. And Donald Malmberg of Kansas City, Kan.; three daughters, Lucille Robinett of Tebbetts, Louise Bowdin of Kansas City, Kan., and Betty June Gass of Prairie Village, Kan., two sisters, Dorothy Shoppe and Pansy Craig, both of the state of California, 22 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Iberia Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. John Bouldrey officiating. Burial was in the Madden Cemetery. American Legion services were held at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Stevinson Mossman Funeral Home.

Rekus Funeral Home Web site, July 1, 2008

W. Austin Weeces, age 54, of Eldon, died Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at his home. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska on September 22, 1953, a son of the late William Alex and Shirley A. (Carlson) Weeces. On July 14, 1973, in Eldon, he was married to Debbie S. Schmitz, who survives at the home.

Others who survive him include: two sons, Richard A. Weeces and wife Jami and Brian A. Weeces all of Eldon; four grandchildren, Austin W. Weeces of Jefferson City, Jordyn M. Weeces, Braeden L. George-Weeces and Keeghan L. George-Weeces all of Eldon; two brothers, James A. Weeces of Russellville and David E. Weeces of Olean; two sisters, Gloria A. Miller and Brenda L. Schneider both of Eldon and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 3, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Rev. Jay Quinn will officiate. Interment will be in Olean Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8
Betty L. Greenleaf, age 78, of Eldon, died Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in Rochester, New York on August 24, 1929, a daughter of the late Joseph and Ada (Haire) Carlton. On July 20, 1990, in Camdenton, she was married to Warren Greenleaf, who preceded her in death in November 1996.

Those who survive her include: five children, Kathy Bock and husband Harold of Rockford, Illinois, Debbie Lyons and husband Gary of Camdenton, Sharon Hook of Eldon, Laurie Risse of Branson and Steven Hook of Eldon; 14 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and one brother, Jerry Carlton of Rochester, New York.

One son, Tom Hook; two grandchildren, Clarence Carl Beach, Jr. and Tommy Hook; one sister, Dorothy Caswell and four brothers, Herbert, Lloyd, Richard and Marvin Carlton, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, with services immediately following at 2:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Pastor Mike Duncan will officiate. Interment will be held in Greenmore Memorial Gardens near Barnett. Memorial contributions are suggested to The Rock House Church.

Delbert “Donnie” Croney, age 61, of Eldon, died Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at his home. He was born in St. Louis County on February 11, 1947, a son of the late Delbert and Minnie (Goss) Croney. On December 23, 2007, in Eldon, he was married to Lorraine Baumhoer, who survives at the home.

Others who survive him include: one son, Dakota Collins of the home; three brothers, Jim Hankins and wife Sandy of O’Fallon, Larry Hankins and wife Donna of St. Louis and Ronnie Croney of Jefferson City and one sister, Connie Carroll and husband Ron of Tyler, Texas.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, with services immediately following at 8:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Bro. Ron Carroll will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Delbert Croney Memorial Fund.

Rose A. Werdehausen, age 87, of Meta, died Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at the Westphalia Retirement Center. She was born in St. Anthony on August 14, 1920, daughter of Michael and Martha (Rehagen) Otto. On September 10, 1940, in St. Anthony, she was married to Victor John Werdehausen, who preceded her in death on October 21, 1985.

She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta and the Meta Civic League. She loved sewing and quilting and enjoyed making rosaries.

Survivors include three sons, Henry Werdehausen and wife Katy of Ashland, Robert Werdehausen and wife Dorothy of Wardsville, and William Werdehausen of Jefferson City; three daughters, Betty Wilson and husband Wayne of Bonnott’s Mill, Anna Hartill and husband Scott of Tucson, Arizona, and Diane Veit and husband Charles of Westphalia; one son-in-law, Raymond Twehus of Jefferson City; four brothers, Victor Otto of St. Thomas, Elias Otto of St. Anthony, Fred Otto of Eldon, and Charles Otto of St. Anthony; two sisters, Cecilia Brand of St. Anthony and Bernadine Groner of St. Thomas; 19 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and two great great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Mildred Twehus and Mary Ann Werdehausen; one granddaughter, Angela Werdehausen; three brothers, Emil, Lawrence, and Roman Otto; and one sister, Regina Herx.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 5, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta. Rev. Mark Porterfield will officiate. Interment will be in St. Cecilia Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web site, July 2, 2008
Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday at the church with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Cecilia Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, July 3, 2008

Norbert X. Bax, age 77, of St. Elizabeth, died Thursday, July 3, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born in St. Elizabeth on June 11, 1931, son of Joseph and Agatha (Twehuis) Bax. On October 20, 1956, in St. Elizabeth, he was married to Martha Lee Tappehorn, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He owned and operated Bax Grocery from 1959 until 1982. He was a farmer and drove a school bus for the St. Elizabeth School District for many years. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

Other survivors include two sons, Donald A. Bax and wife Debbie and Darrell Bax all of St. Elizabeth; five daughters, Diane Otto and husband Harold of Wardsville, Darlene Rush and husband Danny of Tuscumbia, Sharon Wilde and husband Henry of St. Elizabeth, Carol Buechter and husband Stephen of Wardsville, and Brenda Bax of St. Elizabeth; two brothers, Edward Bax and wife Joann of O’Fallon, and Arlie Bax and wife Jane of St. Elizabeth; one sister, Mary Ann Bax and husband Jerome of St. Louis; twenty-three grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, William, Theodore, and Albert Bax.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 7, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB, will officiate. Interment with military honors will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Lawrence Cemetery or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, July 6, 2008

Charles Bonnett, Jr., age 81, of Eldon, died Sunday, June 6, 2008, at Eldon Nursing and Rehab. He was born on May 12, 1927, a son of the late Charles E., Sr. and Gene Bonnett. Charles was an Army veteran of World War II.

Those who survive him include: one son, Charles Bonnett III and fiancé Laura Fella of Camdenton; three grandchildren, Jessica Bonnett of Eldon, Charles Bonnett IV of Camdenton and Nichole Rames and husband Bryan of Springfield and one great grandchild, Bailey Bonnett of Eldon.

His body has been cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Unknown Publication, January 1933

Margaret Elizabeth Barr was born near Iberia, November 14, 1865; passed away at her home near Ulman on January 16, 1933, at the age of 67 years, two months and two days.

She was married to James L. Bilyeu on December 4, 1881, he having died July 11, 1905. To this union three children were born, namely: one daughter, Emma R. who died on February 19, 1905, and two sons, Andrew of Ulman, and Clarence of Tulsa, Okla.

She united with the Christian (Newlight) Church about 35 years ago, in which church she lived a faithful and true Christian life.

Besides her sons, she leaves to mourn her passing, two brothers, E.A. Barr and Joe Barr, also many other relatives and friends. Mrs. Bilyeu will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She was a loving mother, a kind neighbor and a friend to everyone. Her works are finished. She peacefully sleeps.
Funeral services were held at the Ulman Christian Church Wednesday morning, January 18, conducted by Rev. Crouch of Tuscumbia. Burial was at the Carnes Camp Ground near Meta under direction of C.L. Casey of Iberia, local funeral director.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date
Many of south Miller County’s older citizens well remember Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Groves, formerly of Iberia, but now of Woodward, Okla. And, no doubt, will be saddened to learn of the death of their daughter, Anita, who passed away a few days ago.

The Woodward Daily Press gives the following brief account of her death:
“Woodward high school alumni lost one of its members in the death of Miss Anita Groves early this morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Groves, one mile east of Woodward. Her death resulted from a seven months illness from heart trouble.

“Miss Groves attended Woodward grade and high school graduating with the class of 1925. Soon after finishing school she went to Oklahoma City and was employed for six years as cashier for Al Rosenthal, Inc., returning home when her health failed.

She was born in Lebanon, Mo., Sept 13, 1907, but came to Woodward when yet an infant. She is survived by her parents, N.L. Groves, Waka, Tex., A.B. Groves, Morgantown, W. Va., Ormond, Marvin, Vivian, Erma and Ether Groves Woodward, brothers and sisters.

“Funeral services will be Friday afternoon at 3 o’clock at Chenoweth’s Mortuary with Rev. W.M. Rogers officiating. Burial is to be in Elmsood.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date
Sam Vaughan of near Iberia received word last Saturday that his oldest brother, Joe, died in Tulsa, Okla., on Tuesday of last week at the age of 66 years. His home was at 1015 E. Locust St., Springfield, Mo., until last winter when he went to visit his brother in Tulsa. He had been sick about ten days at the time of his death, cause of his sickness is unknown.

This makes the third death in the Vaughn home in less than a year. Sam’s aged mother, 89, died July 18, 1932 and another brother, Layton, 65, Dec. 21, 1932.

Unknown Publication, June 1920
George Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Shelton was born March 5, 1887, died June 21st, 1920, age 33 years 3 months 16 days. He became ill Tuesday June 15th and after six days of intense suffering he quietly passed away June 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the home of his parents. In the sudden and unexpected death of his dear son they suffer an irreparable loss. Nothing on earth will ever fill his place in that home. Everything that loving hearts and faithful hands could do was done, but all in vain. Good took him. It was his will; His will must be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

This boy was one among the purest and best loved, highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him. He is gone never to return, but the rest can go to him. When dear ones meet all sorrow and sighting shall flee away. He leaves father, mother, three brothers, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

His remains were laid to rest in the Hawkeye Cemetery and funeral services were conducted by J.C. Thompson.
-Bertha Shelton
-Sylvia Whittle

Unknown Publication, November 1919
Mary Elizabeth Cooper, was born in Green County, Ind., June 16, 1852. She with her parents came to Missouri in 1866 where she has resided ever since. In March 1871, she was united in marriage to John Vaughn and to this union was born one child. May 18, 1872, Mr. Vaughn died leaving her a widow. On Dec. 31, 1876, she was again united in marriage to
Benjamine F. Hensley and to this union were born two children. About 13 years ago Mr. Hensley passed away.

At the age of 19 years she united with the Church of Christ, remaining a member of that body until called to her reward Nov. 29, 1919. Sunday Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. funeral services were held from the home where many friends and relatives had gathered to witness the last sad rites at which time the writer tried to speak words of comfort to the bereaved family, after which all that was mortal of our aged sister and friend was conveyed to the cemetery and there amid sobs and sights of sorrowing ones laid to rest.

In her death the children lose a kind and loving mother, the church a faithful member and the community a true friend. She leaves to mourn their loss three children, A.D. Vaughn of Iberia, Mrs. Charley Berry of Iberia and Mrs. Fred Berry of Dixon, also two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Silas McCubbin of Watkins and Mrs. Herod Williams of Watkins and J.J. Cooper of Nowata, Okla., besides 17 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends.

Unknown Publication, April 1924

Little William Lloyd Williams was born March 9, 1923, and departed this life April 16, 1924, at nine o’clock p.m. He was 1 year, 1 month and 9 days old at the time of his death. He was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams of near Eugene. Besides father and mother he leaves to mourn his death, two little brothers, Kenneth and Keeth and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was taken ill with diphtheria the 13th day of April and his life was very short. His parents hardly knew he was sick until the Lord called him home.

Little Lloyd was a very bright and sweet little boy and was loved by all who knew him. He will be remembered by all.

Funeral services were held at the house by Rev. Browning at three o’clock, Thursday after which the remains were laid to rest in the Eugene Cemetery.

-written by a cousin, Dean Simhiser.

Unknown Publication, January 1924

Aunt Cynthia Topping, wife of Joel Topping, departed this life January the 24th, 1924, surrounded by husband and relatives and many friends. The cause of her death was heart trouble. Deceased was born in the state of Illinois, April 25, 1850. She was married to Joel Topping May 29, 1881. To this union were born two children—W.J. Topping, who resides in St. Louis and Altha Helton, who resides in Jefferson City.

She had been a consistent member of the Church of Christ for over 50 years, being loved and respected by all. But alas, she is gone; one more vacant seat at our sanctuary, one more vacant chair in our home.

Aunt Cynthia was a noble Christian woman; a good neighbor, a loving mother. We were so sorry that her son Joe did not get here until she had passed away. He was not notified in time to reach his mother before she was dead. She loved her children and grand-children so much. The last words that she said was, “Luzon, take your arm from under my head, honey.”

Brief services were held at the Ulman Christian Church Saturday morning. In the absence of a minister, a chapter was read by Alfred Graves and a few appropriate remarks made. The body was laid to rest in the Jackson Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, January 1919

On Thursday morning, January 30th, 1919, George Johnston, the oldest citizen of Iberia, departed this life at his home here. He was born in Canada near Montreal, Aug. 20, 1840 and came to Iberia in 1869 where he has since lived. For many years he was engaged in business, and
was highly respected by his fellow citizens for his integrity and uprightness of life. For many years he was a director of the Bank of Iberia, deacon and one of the leading members of the Congregational Church, and for twenty-eight years one of the trustees of the Academy.

He was pre-eminently a man of God. Never seeking after large wealth for himself, he devoted his best thought and energies to those things which pertained to faith and righteousness, and the world is largely better because he has lived in it. So quietly and unassumingly has he shown forth the secret of a life hid in Jesus, that only at his death did his friends realize fully the unusual quality of his character and the true greatness of his life.

After a continuous membership of twenty-eight years, he is the last one of the original trustees of Iberia Academy who still remained on the Board. One of the results of this long membership was the beautiful friendship which grew up between him and his fellow members and co-laborers; Prof. Jas. S. Stevenson, William E. Jones and Oscar L. Whitelaw of St. Louis. He is the last of the circle to go, the two latter passing away in 1917 and the first some years earlier. As George Johnston goes, the last link connecting the new with the old is broken, and be it said everlastingly to his credit, that he stood by the Academy from first to last, and gave to it the weight of his influence and help. He became a part of the traditions of the school and at the time of his burial all its exercises were closed to do him honor, and the pupils, teachers and trustees of the Academy attended the services in a body.

He was married I 1871 to Miss Laura Irwin, and from the union were born six children, Zella, who was married to Everett Allen and died many years ago, David who lives in California, William in Oklahoma, Victor in Iberia, Mrs. Sallie Walker in Dixon and Mrs. Annie von Gremp of Iberia. They were all here at the funeral, except David who was too far away to attend.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer Friday afternoon, Feb. 3rd in the Congregational Church. Interment was made in the town cemetery.

-Prof. G. Byron Smith

Unknown Publication April 1919

J.W. Polk Jarrett, another one of Miller County’s well known and highly respected citizens passed away suddenly at his home north of Iberia Thursday afternoon, April 10. He suffered a paralytic stroke while shucking corn in a crib near the house. He was carried to the house where he lived only a few hours. Mr. Jarrett was a successful farmer and a splendid good citizen.

Bro. J.W. Polk Jarrett was born May 2, 1852; died April the 10th, 1919, age 66 years, 11 months and 8 days. He was married to Elizabeth Rodommer, Jan. 23, 1876, and to this union were born ten children (seven boys and three girls) all of whom survive him, all grown and all present…of children was raised by Christian parents, brought up in a Christian home and under Christian influences. The result is they are all members of the church, leading good lives. They are honorable, respectable, loved and admired by all.

The funeral services were conducted in the home of the deceased in the presence of a number of sorrowing relatives and friends, gathered there to pay their last tribute of respect.

-written by Rev. C.M. Sooter

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

Elmer Abbet, fifteen year old son of Eli Abbet living near Tuscumbia, died suddenly on his way home from church Sunday afternoon. His untimely death, so we are informed, was due to indigestion of the stomach caused by the overeating of green apples and drinking too freely of cold water. His two companions, with him when death came, did everything in their power to bring relief but of no avail.

The sad news of his death came as a shock to his parents because on his departure from home Sunday morning he was enjoying the vigorous health of youth. Funeral services were
conducted by Rev. C.M. Sooter Monday afternoon after which interment was made in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, June 1920

Loucresa Witt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Witt, was born June 15, 1905, died June 13, 1920, being at the time of her death 14 years 11 months and 28 days old.

She leaves to mourn her loss, father, mother, one sister, one brother and a host of other relatives and friends. She united with the Church of Christ last September under the preaching of Rev. Wm. Freeman Jones and has lived a true Christian life. She was always loving and kind and was loved by everyone who knew her. All that loving hands could do was done, but was all in vain. The death angel called her home to rest. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope, for we know that she is now enjoying eternal rest in that home beyond the skies.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Union Cemetery by Rev. R.F. Moneymaker, after which all that was mortal was laid to rest to await the coming of the resurrection morning.

-Eunice Moneymaker

Unknown Publication, June 1919

Uncle John Barlow, one of Iberia’s oldest and most highly respected citizens, quietly passed away at his home Friday night, June 20th, aged 80 years. His health had been failing him for the past few months although he was able to make his usual trips down in town. On retiring to his room Wednesday night he apparently was feeling as well as usual, but the next morning when Mrs. Barlow called him, he failed to answer, and on going into his room to awake him he was found dead in bed, evidently having died in the earlier part of the night.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon by Rev. W.O. Miller of the M.E. Church, after which interment was made in the town cemetery.

Unknown Publication, June 1919

Margret Barnett was born January 6th, 1828, at Mayfield, Kentuck, departed this life June 16, 1919 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margret E. Ragsdale of Plains, Kans. at the age of 91 years, 5 months and 10 days.

She was married to Bluford Barton at Mayfield, Kentucky in 1846, and to this union were born nine children, five of whom preceded her in death. “Aunt Peggy” as she was called, leaves to mourn her death one son and three daughters—Joseph Barton of Plains, Kansas, Mrs. Martha Jane Adams of Pretty Prairie, Kansas, Mrs. Margret E. Ragsdale and Miss Bashaba Barton of Plains, Kansas. All were at her bedside when she died. “Aunt Peggy” leaves fifteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. For the past three weeks of her life she begged to die and said she was ready to die, all that she regretted was just leaving…

The Iberia Sentinel, June 1916

Walter Short, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Short living south of Iberia, died Friday night June 2nd. He was 11 years 8 months and 15 days old at the time of his death, the cause of his death being delayed pneumonia. Interment was held at the Livingston Cemetery.

The Sentinel joins the bereaved parents and friends in their sad hours that has befallen them.

Unknown Publication, August 1919

Word was received here last Saturday morning that Arthur Cantrell of Crocker, traveling salesman for Simmons Hardware Co. was found dead that morning in bed at his hotel in
Cuba (Crawford County). Arthur was apparently a strong man, but it is said that he had been subject to heart trouble for some time.

He was buried Sunday at Licking, Mo., his former home. He leaves a wife and two children who have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in Iberia where they formerly lived.

Arthur, for a number of years, prior to going on the road, was an employee in the Groff & Hedge hardware store here and at one time editor and publisher of the Iberia Sentinel. We are informed that he carried a $1000 life insurance in the Yeoman order and was a member of the local order at this place.

Unknown Publication, March 1919

**Bun (Edward C.) Thompson**, the son of W.E. Thompson, was born March 10, 1897, died Mar. 5, 1919, age 22 years. When at four years of age he became afflicted with epileptic convulsions and at the age of 13 years he was sent to Missouri Colony at Marshall, Mo. where he remained until May 1918, when he was transferred to Fulton, Mo., and from there his body was shipped home for burial.

These many years, although growing into manhood, he was just like a little child. Afflictions are Gods mercies, God teaches us, while our sorrow is tear-wet, to follow on and find our dear ones in Heaven. The roll is being called and one after another is being summoned away. But if their names are there, if we know that they are saved, how sweet it is, after they have left us to think that we shall meet them by and by, that we shall see them in the morn when the night has worn away. Others may have filled the world with the breath of their name, he has helped to fill Heaven. Others may have won an earthly renown, but he has won a home in Heaven. He leaves a father, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R.T. Hodges, in the presence of a large congregation of friends and relatives, after which interment was made in the Atwell cemetery. -written by his aunt, Mrs. J.L. Slawson

Unknown Publication, October 1920

**Mrs. Annie Holtmeyer** departed this life Sunday, October 17, 1920, at 6 o’clock. Annie was united in marriage to Theodore Holtmeyer November 27, 1919. She lived with her husband only a short time until God called her to come and rest in heaven. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Clark.

She leaves father, mother, husband, five sisters, five brothers and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. This will be sad news to her dear brothers who are serving in the U.S. Army. But God knows best. Annie’s death was caused by pneumonia. It is sweet to think she is not dead but only gone to that better home which is prepared for all who will put their trust in God. She was laid to rest in the St. Lawrence Cemetery October 19, 1920. Husband, father, mother and many other sympathizing relatives and friends were present.

Unknown Publication, February 1920

**Eunice Gott** dies of influenza – The death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Gott of near Brumley Sunday evening at 6 o’clock and claimed their daughter, Miss Eunice; death being due to influenza.

Funeral services were conducted at the Gott Cemetery Monday evening. Besides her parents, two brothers, Kirt and Wallace, and one sister—Mrs. M.A. Hickman, Tulsa, Okla.—survive her.
**John Hasenbein** died last Wednesday afternoon at four o’clock after a short illness of pneumonia and heart trouble. Mr. Hasenbein was sixty-three years old and leaves a wife and three daughters and three sons to mourn his loss.

The remains were laid to rest in St. Lawrence Cemetery Friday morning, Rev. F. Bruch officiating.


**Thomas Edward Sullivan**, age 43, of Jones Oklahoma, died Friday, June 27, 2008, in Pineville, Mo., due to an accidental drowning.

He is survived by his parents, Larry and Eileen Sullivan of Eldon; one sister, Beth Ruiz of Edinburg, Texas; and one brother, Mike Sullivan of Olean.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 2, from 9-11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon with a rosary at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon. Interment will be at the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, July 9, 2008


Survivors include his parents, Daniel and Kelly Plemmons of Brumley; three brothers, Cory Michael Williams of Brumley, and Devin Andrew Plemmons and Derick James Plemmons both of Eldon; one sister, Savena Jewel Plemmons of Eldon; paternal grandparents, Jackie and Linda Plemmons of Brumley; and maternal grandparents, Barbara and Bryan Deitrick of Eldon.

The body was cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Unknown Publication, October 1920

**Barney Ray Shepherd** was born Nov. 1, 1907, died Oct. 28, 1920. He was stricken with typhoid fever and lived eighteen days. He bore his suffering patiently until the end. Barney was a precious jewel from the home of Jasper and Julia Shepherd. HE leaves six sisters and two brothers, one brother, Clifford Earl, preceded him to that better home twenty-one years ago.

Barney was next to the youngest of the children and was dearly loved by all in the home. He will be missed there and also by his schoolmates and acquaintances. He was a bright pupil in school and in Sunday school which he loved to attend.

Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church Friday afternoon at four o’clock, where the family and friends had gathered to pay their last respects. During the song services the school children with their teacher, Prof. Clyde Bilyeu, marched into the church and by the casket to view the body. Each child carried a bouquet of beautiful flowers which they placed on the grave after the burial in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

To the father, mother, brothers and sisters of Barney, we would say, that by keeping in loving remembrance his kind words and deeds they will ever be to you a guiding star. Cast all your care on Jesus for He careth for you.

-Anna Williams and Edna Bear

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1917

**John L. Short**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Short, died of Typhoid fever at his home near the Pleasant Hill Church Saturday evening, Nov. 3rd. Funeral services were held at the church Sunday, conducted by Rev. R.F. Moneymaker in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives, friends and neighbors. Interment was made in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Monday morning at 11 o’clock.
The deceased was a young married man, having chosen as his companion about six months ago a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strutton of near Hawkeye. The Sentinel wishes to extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1922

Grant Williams, a well known farmer of near Crocker, died in a Springfield hospital Sunday night after an operation for lock of the bowels. He was working with a road crew on the State road near Waynesville when he took seriously ill on Tuesday of last week and was unable to be removed to his home until Thursday. On Friday he was taken to a Springfield hospital with the hope that an operation might bring relief. The body was shipped back home Sunday night.

The deceased leaves a wife and three children, Fred, Mildred and Alice, also two brothers and two sisters to mourn his departure.

A short but impressive funeral service was conducted at the home by Rev. F.L. Allen, pastor Presbyterian Church at Crocker. Interment was made in the Crocker Cemetery Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Williams, wife of the deceased, is the oldest daughter of Sq. John Ferguson of Iberia. The Sentinel joins in extending heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Emil Brockman, another one of Miller County’s promising young men who recently enlisted in the Navy, died at Puget Sound, Washington last Saturday of Spanish Influenza. His body is being shipped back to his home in Ulman for burial.

He was a son of J.A. Brockman of Ulman. Emil was a member of the graduating class of Iberia Academy last year. He made many warm friends while attending school here. We understand that he carried $14,000 insurance, $10,000 government insurance, $2,000 in an old line company and $2,000 in the Modern Woodman.

Unknown Publication, December 1918

Jesse Teaverbaugh, living south of Iberia, died Friday, Dec. 29th of pneumonia. He was born June 19, 1886; married to Miss Stella Meredith, September 24, 1905. He leaves a wife and three children, all of whom were ill of influenza when he died. Interment was made in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 21st in the presence of a few of his relatives and intimate friends.

The bereaved family extends sincere thanks to those who so kindly assisted them during the sickness, death and burial of their beloved husband and father.

Unknown Publication, December 1923

James Washington Rowden was born September 1, 1843, in Maries County, Mo., and died of heart trouble in Iberia at the home of his son-in-law, George W. Shelton, Dec. 12, 1923, age 80 years, 3 months and 12 days.

He was married to Matilda Jane Whitaker Jan 1, 1865. To this union were born twelve children (three sons and nine daughters) of whom only three survive him, Mrs. G.M. Durham of Springfield, MO., Mrs. Isaac Sherrel and Mrs. Everett Jones, both of Iberia. He also has two brothers and two sisters living, Abe Rowden of Maries County, John G. Rowden of Oklahoma, Mrs. James Martin of St. Louis and Mrs. Emma Clark of St. Elizabeth. His wife, connected with the Rowden Hotel here for a number of years, died about fifteen years ago. His son, Joe, met almost instant death when a team of horses ran away with him six or seven years ago; another daughter, Mrs. Mike Steiner, died in Paso Robles, Calif. several years ago, and Mrs. Geo. W. Shelton who passed away Saturday morning, Dec. 15, 1923. The other six children died in infancy and childhood.

Mr. Rowden spent his life in Miller and adjoining counties, having been engaged in business and farming. For many years he owned and operated a large farm north of Brays, and
became widely known as one of Miller County’s most successful farmers. He was a good citizen, a generous-hearted neighbor, and a true and devoted husband and father. On Sunday evening prior to his death he professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church.

Funeral services, conducted by Mrs. Bessie Evans, evangelist, were held in the school house at Brays, four miles northeast of Iberia, Friday morning. At the close of the funeral services, members of Fremont Watkins Post, American Legion, at Iberia, took charge of the burial ceremony, the deceased having been a member of the G.A.R. The few local G.A.R. members being unable to attend, the Legion boys volunteered their service.

Interment was made in the cemetery at Brays.

Unknown Publication, July 1923

Mrs. T.J. (Grandma) Marchant (Elizabeth) was born in Typton County, Tennessee, near Trenton, Nov. 27, 1834; died at her home in Iberia July 18, 1923, age 88 years 7 months and 21 days.

She went to Arkansas in 1854 and in 1856 was married to Thos. J. Marchant. They lived there until 1862 when they moved to Missouri, locating at Iberia. Mr. Marchant died five years ago.

The deceased, at the age of 17 years, was converted and joined the Baptist Church of which she remained a faithful, consistent member until death. Her last words were expressive of peace with God and a willingness to depart and be at rest with Him, her only regret being the separation from the family she loved so well. Her cheerful, helpful life; her devotion to the family and kindness to everybody will long linger as a fragrant memory in the home which her presence brightened and which death has now darkened. Though she is gone her record has been made and will remain with us as a lasting treasure. Her life was gentle, but like the still waters it was deep. In her heart of hearts she carried those she loved, and her hand was never weary, her steps never ___ in caring for and ministering to those in need.

She was cheerful, patient and sweet in the sickness, though at times a great sufferer. She often repeated verses of scripture and of song that she especially loved.

The funeral services were held in the Baptist Church here Thursday afternoon, Rev. R.B. Carnett of Lebanon officiating and paying a beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased. Interment was made in the town cemetery.

She is survived by four children—two daughters and two sons—Mrs. C.K. Clark, Miss Anna Marchant and Sherman Marchant of Iberia, and W.W. Marchant of Douglas, Wyoming. Also a niece, Miss Bertha Fancher, who has been a member of the Marchant family since childhood.

To those who mourn we would say, from the beauty of her life take an inspiration and go forth to live as she lived, so that when the summons comes you may say as did she, “All is well.”

The Eldon Advertiser - Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008

Mildred Ekstam Engelbrecht, 99, of Eugene died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, in Eldon. She was born to Frank and Ollie Roberts Ekstam. On Oct. 7, 1926, she was married in Eugene to Albert Engelbrecht, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Engelbrecht was a member of the Eugene Christian Church. She had been a machine operator for Dupont Company.

Surviving are two sisters, Ada Engelbrecht and Stella Jester, both of Eldon; and nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7:30 P.M. Thursday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be held at 10 A.M. Friday at the Eugene Christian Church with Bro. Alan McNeeley officiating. Burial will be in the Eugene Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Eugene Christian Church or the Show Me Christian Youth Home.

He owned and operated a welding shop in Mt. Pleasant for a number of years. He owned and operated Jester Steel and Aluminum Products of Eldon for several years. He was employed in 1960 for the Missouri Department of Corrections as a metal plant foreman, retiring in 1975. He then built and operated a mobile home court named Court Jester on Highway CC near Jefferson City. He had formerly served the Etterville Christian Church as minister.

Other survivors include: three daughters, Joann Jett, Versailles, Darlene Adcock and Donna Kliethermes, both of Eldon; one step-son, Dennis Pierce, Russellville; one sister, Ruth Davis, Eldon; and 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Etterville Christian Church. The Revs. Borys Boyuk, Robert Jones and Bill Petet will officiate. Burial will be in Hickory Hill Cemetery, Hickory Hill. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Memorials are suggested to the Etterville Christian Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Evelyn “Bonnot” Woolery, 86, of Eldon, died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at her residence in Eldon, Missouri. She was born on July 24, 1921, in Miller County, Missouri, the daughter of Cloudy and Minta (Jenkins) Wyrick.

She worked at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri, as a Nurses Aide. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Barnett Baptist Church of Barnett, Missouri. She was a lifetime resident of Miller County, Missouri. She was a Godly loving mother, grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her three daughters, Billie Pittrich and husband Don of Eldon, Missouri; Betty Kuster and husband Doug of Columbia, Missouri; and Kathleen Agee and husband Mark of Independence, Missouri. One son: Justin Bonnot Jr. and wife Joyce of Eldon, Missouri. 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Justin Bonnot Sr., and her second husband, Clark Woolery; one son, Harold Bonnot; four grandchildren and three brothers, James Wyrick, Burnie Wyrick and Talbert Wyrick.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Missouri. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Missouri, with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Interment will be in the Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the Billy Graham Ministries, the Barnett Baptist Church or the Community Hospice.

Genevieve “Gene” Barbara Wehrman, 89, of Macon, MO, passed away Friday, June 27, 2008 at the Loch Haven Nursing Home in Macon. Gene was born on October 29, 1918, in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Paul and Martha (Samsel) Gotch. She was united in marriage to William Benne. He preceded her in death in 1977. She later married Emil Wehrman and he preceded her in death in 2001. Gene was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Macon. She enjoyed working in the community as a volunteer, working in and being a part of her church, but most of all, spending time with her family.

She is survived by five daughters, Barbara Ann Dudley of Independence, MO, Ann Marie Law and husband Gary of Iberia, Paulette Jean Vickers and husband Larry of Lake City, CO, Kathy Abernathy and husband Larry of Jacksonville, MO, and Jeannie Mayer and husband Ric of Greenfield, MO; eight grandchildren, Jennifer LeClercq and husband Claude, Kathleen Dudley, Dale Law and wife Susan, Darrell Law and wife Julie, Faith Vickers and husband Dan Lochnikar,
Paul Vickers and wife Minda, Matthew Abernathy and wife Nancy, and Terra Mayer and fiancé Mike Jeffries; eleven great-grandchildren; one sister, Margie Koviak of Lake Ozark, MO, and several nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, two brothers, Joe and Pete Gotch; and one sister, Helen Michalek.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Macon with Rev. Eugene Stueve officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Cox Post Office. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Macon. The family suggests memorials to Loch Haven Nursing Home, Missouri River Hospice of the Zion Lutheran Church in Macon.

James Buechter, 75, of Higginsville died Sunday, June 29, 2008. He was born Dec. 6, 1932, in St. Elizabeth to Lambert and Elizabeth Evers Buechter. On Oct. 16, 1952, he was married in Warrensburg to Nancy Magness, who survives.

Mr. Buechter operated a barber shop in Higginsville for many years. After retiring, he became a roving barber, filling in for other barbers in area towns when they needed time off. He was active in the community and was a past president of the Jaycees, a former school board member and had served on the city’s board of aldermen and as the treasurer. While in business, he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He also was active in the church, serving on the parish council and as a PSR teacher. He also donated time at the Higginsville Senior Center, delivering Meals on Wheels and was a Provide-A-Ride driver.

Also surviving him in addition to his wife are two sons, Lt. Co. Mark Buechter, USAF (Retired) and wife Mary Anne of Rosamond, Calif., and Paul Buechter of Independence; three daughters and their husbands, Teresa Treece and Jody of St. Charles, Denise Forsythe and Jim of Davenport, Iowa, and Mary Jo Heydt and Tim of St. Louis; six sisters, Loretta Emmerson of Tulsa, Okla., Delores Nemitz of Fall River, Wis., Mitzi Jansen of St. Louis, Betty Menges of Osage Beach, Mary Jo Thomas of Hillsboro and Janice Krumm of Crestwood; and 10 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church with Father Tom Hawkins officiating. Burial was in St. Mary’s Cemetery in Higginsville under the direction of Kaiser-Wiegars Funeral Home.

Virginia Lou Squires Curtman, 80, of Camdenton, formerly of Crocker, died Friday, June 27, 2008, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born May 15, 1928, in Crocker to Barney Lee and Olease Wilson Bays. On Dec. 29, 1973, she was married in Crocker to Charles Howard Curtman, who died March 7, 1991.

Mrs. Curtman was baptized in 1967 at the Crocker Christian Church and at the time of her death was a member of the Lake Family Church in Camdenton.

Surviving are five sons and their wives, Billy and Rosie Taylor of Enoree, S.C., Steve and Becky Squires of Columbia, Wayne Squires of Millersburg, Ronnie Squires of Columbia and Terry and Treva Squires of Pittsburg, Kan.; four daughters and their husbands, Winnie and Fred Conroy of Lakeland, Fla., Cheri and Herman Black of Weston, Fla., Jeannie Squires of Eldon and Pamela and David Batty of Camdenton; two brothers, Earl Bays of Dixon and James Bays of Springfield, Ind.; a sister, Ruth Hedrick of Tucson, Ariz.; 27 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Long Funeral Home in Crocker with Pastor Tom Ovington of the Lake Family Church officiating. Burial was in Crocker Cemetery.

Ruth Ann Pate Stonner, 87, of Tipton died Saturday, June 28, 2008, surrounded by loved ones in her home. She was born March 4, 1921, in Denver, Colo., to Dr. Charles Earnest...
and Isabella Margaret Cook Pate. On Dec. 10, 1943, she was married to Nelson Stonner, who died July 22, 1996.

Mrs. Stoner was reared in Denver. She attended the University of Colorado in Boulder and worked as a medical assistant for her father, a surgeon, in his office for three years. She and her husband moved to Tipton in 1946. She was active in the community and had been a room mother and scout leader. She was a member of the Tipton United Methodist Church, P.E.O. Chapter GL, and the Tipton Country Club and was past president of both the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 507 and the Women's Club.

Surviving are three sons and their wives, Cary Earnest and Debra Stonner and Robert Nelson Stonner, all of Tipton, and Kent Edward and Susan Stonner of Kennett; a daughter and her husband, Isabella Jean and Jerry LaBrue of Osage Beach; five grandchildren, Jeremiah Wadsworth LaBrue, Westen Nelson LaBrue and wife Amber, Kyle Stonner LaBrue and wife Cassandra, Kelly Ann Stonner and Sydney Stonner; and two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Kylie Ann LaBrue.

A celebration of life service was held at Meisenheimer Funeral Home in Tipton. In lieu of flowers, her wishes were to have the landscape completed at the gazebo in the city park. A memorial plaque will be placed there along with the one for her husband.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, July 6, 2008

Marie Cox, age 92, of Eldon, died Thursday, July 3, 2008, at Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles.

She is survived by her daughter, Carlene Plank, Eldon; three granddaughters, Debbie Saling of Garland, Texas, Tammy Draffen of Tipton, and Susan Nixon of Mexico; eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 7, from 9-11 a.m. at the Philips Funeral Home in Eldon with funeral services following at 11 a.m. Interment will be in the Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, July 10, 2008

Catherine Rose Mertens, 76, of Jefferson City died Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at University Hospital in Columbia. She was born Oct. 28, 1931, in Cole County to Roy C. and Rose Catherine Markway Stockman. She was married Oct. 4, 1952, in Jefferson City to Roger Theodore Mertens, who died April 2, 2006.

Mrs. Mertens was the co-owner and founder of Roger Mertens Distributing in 1961, Roger Mertens Boat Sales in 1964 and Cold Cube Ice Co. in 1975. The ice company was sold in 1984. She was a member of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and helped with Meals on Wheels and St. Joseph Cathedral and School.

Surviving are two daughters and their husbands, Marilyn and Darrell Garmer of St. Louis and Sharon and Mark Alexander of Marshfield; five sons and their wives, Larry Mertens and fiancée Laurie Pleus, Gerald and Kerri Mertens, Greg and Laura Mertens, John and Michelle Mertens and Glenn Mertens, all of Jefferson City; seven grandchildren, Justin Raithel, Jayme Mertens, Mackenzie Mertens, Lexi Mertgens, Luke Mertens, Tanner Mertens and Megan Mertens; a step-grandson, Cheston Alexander; two sisters, Ida Mertens of Westphalia and Alice DeWesblore of Wardsville; and three brothers, Willard Stockman of Jefferson City and Fred Stockman and Francis Stockman, both of Wardsville.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph with the Rev. Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki officiating. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in Jefferson City under the direction of Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph Foundation, 2305 W. Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65101; or to the National Stroke Association.
Earl Orr, of Shelbina died Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia. He was born Dec 2, 1929, in Meta to Elzie Milford and Dulcy Melissa Burns Orr. On Jan 2, 1977, he was married to Juanita Morrow Sisco in Iberia. She survives.

Mr. Orr was a member of the Shelbina Christian Church. He was a 1946 graduate of Vienna High School and entered the Conservation Agent Academy in 1955. He was first stationed at Hermitage and transferred to Shelby County in 1957. He retired in 1989 after serving the Conservation Commission for 34 years. He was a member of the Gateway Piasas Motor Home Club. He became a member of Vienna Lodge No. 94 in 1951 and transferred his membership to Shelbina Masonic Lodge No. 228, where he received his 50-year pin in 2001. He was a member of the Shelbina Royal Arch Masons No. 99 and a current member of Palmyra Chapter No. 2; was made a Royal and Select Master of Trinity Council No. 47; was knighted in Malta Commandery No. 72; was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Columbia and received the 32nd degree; was a former member of the Moolah Shrine Temple in St. Louis; and was president of the NEMO Shrine Club in 1988. He also was a 50-year member of the Shelbina Order of the Eastern Star No. 159. He wintered in Yuma, Ariz.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Lynn Orr of Jefferson City; a step-son, Doug Sisco and wife Kristy of Eolia; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gayle N. Orr of Bourbon.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Greening-Eagan-Hayes Funeral Home in Shelbina. Masonic services will be at 7:30 p.m. followed by funeral services. Ministers will be Jim Bilbro and Roy Gilkey. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Stokes Cemetery in Meta. The Missouri Conservation Commission will provide an honor guard. Memorials may be made to Shelbina Masonic Lodge 228 or Shelbina Order of the Eastern Star No. 159.

Unknown Publication, March 1925

Edith Barnhart was born February 22, 1907, and died March 10, 1925 at St. Elizabeth Hospital at Granite City, Ill., age 18 years and 16 days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Brummett. She was united in marriage to Elmer Barnhart November 6th, 1921 at Arnett, Okla. To this union two children were born—twin girls. Both died in infancy.

She united with the Pentecostal Church some years ago and has lived a Christian life. Everything that loving hearts and faithful hands could do was done but all in vain. God took her. It was His will. His will must be done on earth as it is in Heaven. She is gone never to return but the rest can go to her where the dear ones meets and all sorrows flee away.

She leaves to mourn her departure a faithful husband, an aged father and mother, five brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cook in the Pentecostal Church in Granite City in the midst of a goodly number of sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends after which the body was laid to rest in the St. John’s Cemetery.

-written by Mrs. George T. Edwards

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1928

Roy Allen, formerly of this place, who for the past five years has been employed in the oil fields at Oil Hill, Kans., was instantly killed Saturday, March 24, when overcome by gas. He, with other employees, was repairing one of the large tanks which had been standing empty for some time. One of the men working over the opening at the top of the tank, fell into the tank, supposed to have been overcome by the fumes of the gas formed on the inside. Roy, in attempting to rescue his fellow workman, was also overcome by the deadly gas and died almost instantly. The third man was let down into the tank by means of a rope to remove the unfortunates, but was drawn back up unconscious. The bodies of the unfortunate victims were finally removed by cutting away a part of the tank.
Roy’s body was shipped back to Iberia, arriving here early Monday morning. Funeral services, conducted by Dr. G. Byron Smith of the Academy and Junior College, were held Tuesday morning, at 10 o’clock, from the Congregational Church of which the deceased was a loyal and faithful member. He was also a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge which had charge of the burial ceremony. Interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey, undertakers.

Robert Roy Allen was born May 31, 1890; died March 24, 1928, age 37 years, 9 months and 24 days. He was married to Miss Elsie Atwill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Atwill of Iberia, December 15, 1915, and to this union were born two children, Eleanor, age 12 and Morris Elsworth, age 5.

Besides his wife and two children, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Maria Allen of Crocker, Mo.; brother, Emmit of Crocker, Mo.; sister, Mrs. Agnes Prater of Oil Hill, Kans. His father, Robert Allen and sister Mrs. Belle Tallman died a number of years ago. He also had a brother and sister who died when quite young.

The deceased was well and favorably known in Iberia and vicinity, having lived here most of his life. His last heroic act in trying to save the life of a fellow workman proved his loyalty of service to others and is a trait to be commended in the life of any man or woman. The Sentinel joins in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

Unknown Publication, February 1928

Edna Mae Jones, daughter of Thomas L. and Mary Margret Jones, was born July 5, 1913, left this world of sorrow February 4, 1928, at a hospital in Kansas City, being sixteen years and seven months old at the time of her death.

She was ill only one week, but suffered intensely. All was done that could be done by the best of physicians and nearest relatives but to no avail. God, who doeth all things well, saw fit to call her into eternity. She leaves father, mother, four brothers and two sisters to weep. All were present except one sister, Mrs. Otis Doolin, of Tulsa, Okla., who was ill and could not come. The brothers are Clifford, Charley, Clyde and Glenn, all of Kansas City. The other sister is Mrs. Richard Kirchner, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The remains were shipped to Eldon, where undertakers Adams & Casey were waiting with their hearse and conveyed the body to Alder Springs where a large crowd of relatives, school mates and friends were waiting to pay their last respects to the departed one.

Eld. I.A. Sloan, 88 years old, spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing ones on this sad occasion, after which burial was made in the cemetery nearby.

The Iberia Sentinel, Unknown Date

The body of Charles T. Irwin, who was killed in an automobile accident near Fellows, Calif., where he had been living for the past five or six years, arrived here Friday evening of last week and burial was made in the Bethany Cemetery, seven miles south of Iberia, Saturday, services conducted by Rev. Smutz of Crocker. Mrs. Blanch Jones, youngest daughter of the deceased, accompanied the body to Iberia.

Mr. Irwin met death on Sunday night, March 26th when the car in which he and a neighbor of his were riding ran into a gas pipe protruding from the back end of a truck in front of them. The end of the pipe struck Mr. Irwin on the head, resulting in almost instant death. His wife, who died Nov. 13, 1916, also was killed in an accident, when they lived on their farm a few miles south-east of Iberia. She was thrown from a buggy, when the team which she was driving took fright and ran away. She lived only a short time.

Mr. Irwin is widely known in Miller County, having lived here most of his life. He is survived by eight children—Mrs. Ester Dake of Tulsa, Okla., Roy Irwin and Mrs. Stella Roberson of Iberia, Mrs. Mabel Gayer, Mrs. Opal Cosbin and Mrs. Blanch Jones all of Fellows, Calif., Otto Irwin of Tulsa, Okla., and Donald Irwin of St. Louis, Mo. Besides his immediate family, he is
survived by three brothers and one sister—John, Holmes and William and Mrs. C.W. Farnham, all of Iberia.

Mr. Irwin was a member of Iberia Congregational Church, many of the members of which attended the funeral services and paid their last tribute of love and respect to the departed one. Mr. Irwin was born Nov. 13, 19__. The Sentinel joins in extending their deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Jefferson City News-Tribune June 1, 2005


She was born October 17, 1907, at Bagnell, Mo., the daughter of William Charles Elmer Kidwell and Laura (Henderson) Kidwell, who preceded her in death. She was married January 22, 1928, at Bagnell, Mo., to Logan Hickey, who also preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Koskela, Moscow Mills, Mo.; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; one sister, Bernice Wood, Eldon, Missouri. Visitation 10-11 a.m. Friday Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.

Unknown Publication, February 1930

Friends and relatives will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Mrs. Eliza C. Miller at her home in East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 10th 1930. Funeral services were held from the family residence, 1200 N. 18th St., with Rev. Sidwell, pastor of Lansdowne Christian Church, officiating. Interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Signal Hill.

Mrs. Miller was born in Miller County, March 26, 1851. She was the daughter of Evan L. and Nancy A. Short of Iberia and sister of the late W.R. Short. She was 14 years of age when the Civil War closed and could recall many hardships that were endured during the war.

Mrs. Miller was united in matrimony to Josephus Miller of Dyersburg, Tenn. Sept. 7th, 1871, at Iberia, Mo. To this union there were born 11 children, 7 of whom survive; 21 grandchildren, 14 of whom survive and one great-grandchild. The children are: Maggie Curry and Sally Phillips of East St. Louis, Cora Thompson of Coalgate, Okla.; Alonzo Miller of Los Angeles, Calif., Harvey Miller of Grand Rapids, Mich., Eugene Miller, Pittsburg, Okla., H. Edgar Miller of Springfield, Mo., all of whom were with her during all her recent illness.

Mrs. Miller is survived by one sister, Mrs. Jennie Murphy, Richland, MO., and three brothers. They are I.N. Short, Crocker, Mo.; W.L. Short, Sands Springs, Okla.; L.B. Short, Kansas City, Kansas.

She was a member of the Lansdowne Christian Church, the Loyal Women’s Bible Class and the Women’s Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Miller preceded her in death 28 years. He died at Phillips, Okla., March 21st, 1902, at the age of 52 years.

-written by Mrs. Sally Phillips, 1436 N. 13, East St. Louis.

Unknown Publication, August 1928

Mrs. Jerry Hancock, one of Miller County’s most noble Christian women died last Saturday at her home three miles south of Iberia after a long illness. Mrs. Ida Cole Hancock was born March 1st, 1878, in Pulaski County, Mo.; departed this life Aug. 11, 1928, being 50 years 5 months, 10 days old.

She was united in marriage to Jerry Hancock August 10, 1897. To this union were born 10 children, three having preceded her to the grave, seven now living, namely, Charlie, Virgel, Thomas, Mrs. Blanche Cross and Mrs. Grace Mason all of St. Louis, Guy of Kansas City and Edgar of Iberia.

She was converted at about the age of 16 in the Methodist Church. She united with the church of the Nazarene at Iberia soon after it was organized and remained a faithful member until death. She leaves to mourn her death, a husband, the above named children and a host of friends and relatives.
Our hearts are made sad because of her going away, yet our loss is her eternal gain, and we can only resolve in our hearts to live a life, so that when we too shall be called we may be ready to go, and meet her in that world where death comes no more.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Mitchel Chapel, east of Crocker, Sunday afternoon. The body was placed in the new made tomb to await the resurrection morn when this corrupt shall be put on incorruption and this mortal shall put on immortality.

-J.A. McNatt

Unknown Publication, February 1930

The funeral of K. C. (Kinsey Willis) Stone, aged and respected citizen of Miller County, was held in the Christian Church at Hickory Point. The sermon was by R.F. Moneymaker and burial in the cemetery there Thursday in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Mr. Stone had lived at the home of his son, A.C. Stone, for the last year or so. His daughter, Mrs. Cornelius W. Thomas, came from Deepwater, Missouri to be present at the funeral. The other children live in Miller County and were all present with the exception of Mrs. Charles W____ of Tuscumbia.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, March 1974

Mrs. Catherine C. Lepper, 72, Route 2, died today at Charles E. Still Hospital. She was born on November 6, 1901 in Cole County, the daughter of Herman and Anna Weavers Kempker. Mrs. Lepper was a native of Mary's Home vicinity and a brother lives at Henley.

Mrs. Lepper was married on Sept. 26, 1927 at Mary's Home to George A. Lepper, who died on Jan. 12, 1949. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and was employed at St. George Laundry in Jefferson City until her retirement in 1968.

Survivors include: Two sons - Willard Lepper of Route 2, and Harold Lepper of Route 5; one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Route 2; two brothers - Joe Kempker of Henley, and Bennie Kempker of Route 2; two sisters: Mrs. Addie Templeton of the home and Mrs. Tillie Goetz of Route 2, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, with burial in Resurrection Cemetery.

Unterrified Democrat, December 1972

Joseph Leven, 56, Kansas City, died Friday, Dec. 8, 1972 at a hospital in that city. He was the brother of Mrs. Tillie Kempker of Mary's Home. He was born July 8, 1914 at St. Thomas, the son of Henry and Helen Struempf Leven. He was never married.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Martha Schulte of Kit Carson, Colo.; two brothers - John Leven of Panhandle, Tex. and Louis Leven of Groom, Tex.

Funeral arrangements were held at Our Lady of Snows Catholic church, Mary's Home, with the Rev. Henry Reichart officiating. Burial was in Our Lady of Snows Cemetery."

Jefferson City News-Tribune, March 7, 2004

Wayland Jeffries, age 65 of Iberia, died March 5, 2004, at Capital Region Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Jeffries of the home; one daughter, Eyde Long of Iberia; one stepdaughter, Ronnica Cochran of Crocker; one brother, Warren Jeffries of Hillsboro; one granddaughter; five step grandchildren; and one step great-granddaughter.


Unknown Publication, August 26, 1943
**Thomas Lindsey Jones**, only son of John F.M. and Catherine D. Jones, was born August 31, 1874, at Alder Springs, Mo., in southeast Miller County and departed this life Thursday morning, August 19, 1943, at Jefferson City, Mo., being at the time of his death 69 years, 11 months, and 21 days of age. He had resided in the community of his birth practically all his earthlife.

When he became of age he was united in marriage to Mary Margaret Thompson, daughter of William A. and Mary Jane Thompson, to which union were born eight children of whom six survive to mourn his departing. The surviving children are Clifford, Clyde and Glenn Jones and Mrs. Jewel (S?)eymour, of Kansas City, Mrs. Ersie Shelton of Tulsa, Okla., and Charley Jones of Jefferson City. The two children preceding him in death were _____ Laura (?) Jones and Miss Edna Jones. He also has several grandchildren and one surviving sister, Mrs. Ida A. Bilyeu, besides many other relatives and friends. His two other sisters, Mrs. Emaline Lawson and Mrs. Parry Thompson preceded him in death a few years ago.

A few years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Helton. In early manhood he was baptized into Christ.

He spent most all his earthlife on the farm, much of the time painting, carpentering and doing general contract work in building; also teaching singing schools, using his own charts mostly, being a talented singer and liking and enjoying good singing.

For the past few years he had not labored much, due to heart trouble and other complications of ill health. But he was laboring at Jefferson City when he suddenly passed away, near his son Charley's house.

Funeral services at Alder Springs were conducted by Wm. Freeman Jones of Iberia, August 21, attended by a gathering of his relatives and friends; after which the mortal remains were placed in the Alder Springs cemetery by the Tanner Undertaking Company of Jefferson City.

**Priscilla Belk** was born in Osage County, Missouri; died at her home a few miles north of Iberia March 24, 1931, at the age of 79 years.

She was united in marriage to Henry Belk about the year 1869. He preceded her in death about two years ago. To this union ten children were born, all living except three. Those living are James, Miller, Pete, Ed. Mrs. Willie Hensley, Mrs. Dessie Prater and Miss Josie Belk. There were also 34 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Belk had lived on the farm where she passed away for over 50 years. She has been one of the old pioneer mothers and had more than her share of life’s hardships and sorrows. She was indeed a faithful wife and a loving mother.

She was laid to rest Wednesday by the side of her husband in the Schubert Cemetery near her home. Rev. C.W. Sooter conducted the services.

**Benjamin Alexander** was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Alexander. He was born Oct. 6, 1888, in Miller County, Mo., lived in this county about all of his life and was admired by all who knew him.

He was married to Miss Myrtle Null Sept. 25, 1910. To this union was born nine children, 7 girls and two boys, ranging from the age of 10 days to 16 years.

The cause of his death was flu followed by double pneumonia. The entire family was down at the same time and his wife and children were not able to attend the funeral.

Bro. Alexander united with the church at Alder Springs Aug. 12, 1906, and lived a faithful Christian life until the day of his death. He was a hard working man, honest and noble.
and had a multitude of friends. He is survived by his wife and children, an aged mother, 8 sisters and 4 brothers. His father preceded him in death by several years. He died April 22, 1928 and was 39 years 6 months and 16 days old at the time of his death. The funeral was conducted by the writer of this sketch at Alder Springs at 11 a.m. April 24th. Almost the entire community had assembled there in token of the high regard they had for him. In the death of this man we lose a splendid citizen, the church loses a faithful member, the wife and children a noble husband and father.

Excerpt of obituary from Unterrified Democrat, August 1974:

**Bernard Albert Loethen**, 52, Kansas City, died Aug. 7, 1974 in a hospital there. He was born Jan. 16, 1922 at Meta, the son of Martin H. and Addie Grace Maltberger Loethen, who both survive at their home in Henley. He was a painting contractor in Kansas City.

Other survivors include: three daughters - Mrs. Carolyn Gosserand of Independence, Mrs. Peggy DeDeminico and Miss Sandra Loethen, both of San Jose, Calif.; three brothers - Wayne Loethen of Meridon, Kansas, Harold Loethen of Meta and Larry Loethen of Independence; four sisters - Mrs. Virginia Holmes of Independence, Mrs. Betty Haidusek of Kansas City, Mrs. Alice Hake and Mrs. Joyce Emmerich of Eugene, and four grandchildren. Burial was in Our Lady of Snows Catholic church Cemetery in Mary's Home.

Unknown mid-Missouri newspaper, July 1966

**Theresa Laura Mertens Lock**, was born at Frankenstein on January 18, 1889, the daughter of William Mertens and his wife Christine Jaegers Mertens, and died at a hospital in Washington, Mo. early Wednesday morning, July 13, 1966, at the age of 77 years, 5 months and 25 days.

She grew up in the Frankenstein and Lyustown communities and on Aug. 22, 56 years ago she was united in marriage to Mr. Leo Lock who survives her. She is also survived by 2 daughters, they are: Renilda, Mrs. Fred Backes of New haven; and Mrs. Jack Christoffel of Pharr, Texas. There is one brother, Walter Mertens, and a sister, Mrs. Bruce Steisemeyer both of Linn. These together with 5 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren are the immediate surviving relatives.

Mrs. Lock resided in the Frankenstein community until 3 years ago when she and Mr. Lock moved to New Haven to live with their daughter and family.

The rosary was prayed at the Morton Chapel in Linn. The requiem Funeral Mass was conducted at Our Lady of Help Church in Frankenstein Saturday morning with Rev. Jos. Lorenz officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery at Frankenstein. Pallbearers who served were Adolph Koenigsfeld, Edgar Lock, Joe Schaefer, Henry Starke, Ray Laughlin and Werner Kever.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, December 1968

**William J. Luetkemeyer**, 74, of St. Elizabeth, died unexpectedly Wednesday, December 4, 1968, at his home. Mr. Luetkemeyer was born Dec. 19, 1893, near Tuscumbia, in Miller County, the son of Anton and Ann Massman Luetkemeyer. He was married May 6, 1919, in St. Elizabeth to the former Miss Emma E. Schwieterman, who survives. Mr. Luetkemeyer was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic church, St. Elizabeth. He also belonged to the Holy Name Society of that parish. He was a member of the 20-60 Club and also served on the board of directors of the St. Elizabeth, Missouri Farmers Association for more than 32 years. A retired farmer, he moved to St. Elizabeth in 1954.

Other survivors include: three sons - William A. Luetkemeyer of St. Elizabeth, Victor Luetkemeyer of Eldon and Alfred Luetkemeyer of St. Elizabeth; four daughters - Mrs. Mildred Evers of St. Louis, Mrs. Irene Berkel of Houston, Tex., Mrs. Margie Juergensmeyer of California, and Sister Brenda S. S. N. D. of Breese, Ill.; one brother - Joseph Luetkemeyer of Lake Ozarks;
two Sisters - Mrs. Martha Hoer, 359 Walnut St., and Mrs. Agnes Schauwecker of Chicago, Ill., and 24 grandchildren.

Services were held December 7th at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth, with burial in the parish cemetery."

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, July 15, 2008

**Robin L. Barton**, age 45, of Iberia, died Monday, July 14, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in Iberia on March 3, 1963, daughter of Harold Wayne and Vivian Rae (Vaught) Jones. On December 24, 1998, in Iberia, she was married to Jim Barton, who survives at the home. She was a member of Victory Hill Baptist Church near Dixon.

Other survivors include two sons, Cameron Barton of the home and Christopher Barton of Eldon; one daughter, Kara Barton of the home; one granddaughter, Taylor Barton of Eldon; her father, Harold Jones and wife Sharon of Sweetwater, Tennessee; four brothers, Richard Brawley and wife Faye of the state of Mississippi, Raymond Jones and wife Tammy of Brumley, and Robert Jones and wife Lena and Randel Jones all of Iberia; two sisters, Rebecca Jones of Iberia, and Doris Jones and Tracy Wilson of Iberia; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17 at Victory Hill Baptist Church near Dixon. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the church with Rev. Dennis Nichols officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Robin Barton Memorial Fund.

Unknown Publication, April 1931

**Mrs. Rachel Shelton**, wife of Taylor Shelton, one of south Miller County’s most prominent and well known citizens, died at her home here in Iberia Tuesday, April 28, at the age of 76 years, 7 months and 8 days.

She was married to Taylor Shelton July 18, 1875 and to this union three children were born. Mrs. Sarah Crismon of Jefferson City, Mrs. Cora Fancher of Baxter Springs, Kans., and one son who died in infancy.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Her only sister, Mrs. Polly Dake, preceded her in death one year to a day, April 28, 1930. Only one brother, John McKee, is left of the family. She united with the Christian Church 40 or 45 years ago and lived a consistent Christian life until her death.

Funeral services conducted by Evangelist L.L. Roberts, were held from the first Christian Church here Thursday morning April 30, at 10:30 o’clock in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends, after which the body was laid to rest in the Iberia Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

Unknown Publication, December 1931

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stark, of the Fairview community north of Iberia was saddened on Christmas Eve when the Death Angel visited its portals and plucked from them a most precious jewel, their little eight-year-old daughter, Laura Leverna, their only child.

Laura Leverna took sick Friday, Dec. 18 with pneumonia and passed away at 6 o’clock, Dec. 24. A Christmas tree with her presents on it had been erected in the home by her parents, hoping that she might be able to enjoy the Christmas spirit with them, alas her passing made the occasion sad indeed.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Fairview Church, conducted by Rev. Chas. M. Sooter after which the remains were laid to rest in the Livingston Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey local undertakers.
Jackson Mace, for many years a well known and respected citizen of Miller County, died of a kidney ailment and other complications, Saturday, Dec. 26, at the home of his wife’s son, a Mr. Withers, of near Dixon.

His wife, two sons—George of Brumley, Mo., and Harrison of Kansas also two daughters from Kansas were at his bedside when the end came.

The body was brought to Iberia Sunday afternoon and funeral services were held in the Baptist Church at two o’clock, Rev. Menzo Sooter of Dixon officiating. Burial was made in the Iberia Cemetery. He was a member of the Brumley Baptist Church.

Willie Crane, son of the late Jerry Crane and a brother of former Collector L.E. Crane, died at his home on the Davis Hickey farm near Tuscumbia, Wednesday, Dec. 23, of appendicitis. He is survived by his widow and three children.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Chas. M. Sooter of the Christian Church were held at Fairview Church north of Iberia on Thursday following and interment was made in the Jarrett Cemetery nearby.

Samuel Johnston, age 78 years, died at his home in Tuscumbia on the morning of Dec. 25 following a brief illness. He had been in business in Tuscumbia for over 40 years, for the past 30 years having been the senior member of the Johnston Restaurant which will continue to operate under the leadership of his son, Jim.

He is survived by his widow, one son and three daughters.

Funeral services were held from the Johnston home Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 2 o’clock, after which burial was made in the Tuscumbia Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A.L. Alexander, pastor of the Eldon Christian Church.

Greenvil Boyd, said to have been the oldest resident in Miller County, died at his home six miles northeast of Iberia, Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the age of 96.

He was the father of eleven children, six living and five dead. Those who survive him are Mrs. Sally Clark, Mrs. Laura Kaufman, Mrs. Iva Rowden, Miss Lydia Boyd, Ed and John Boyd. He also had 53 grandchildren. His wife died about two years ago.

Mr. Boyd was a Civil War veteran and owned and resided on the farm where he died for 35 years or more. He was a member of the Christian (Newlight) Church.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Fred Curtman were held from the Boyd home on Thursday after which the body was laid to rest in the Lawson Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey, Iberia undertakers.

Iberia Academy was crushed with sorrow when death invaded the institution last Saturday night and plucked from the faculty one of its members, Miss Estelle Mae Cabaniss. Death was caused by peritonitis following an attack of appendicitis which she suffered the previous Saturday. Her condition grew alarming and a surgeon, Dr. George M. Gorin, of St. Louis, assisted by Drs. Von Gremp and Duncan of this place, late last Saturday evening
performed an operation as the last faint hope of saving her life. Death came, however, about 11 o'clock Saturday night.

The mother, who lives in Springfield, Mo., was at her bedside during her brief illness. Her father, a traveling salesman could not be located immediately and did not arrive until Sunday morning, a few hours after her death.

An impressive funeral service, conducted by Principal G. Byron Smith, was held Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the Academy chapel, after which the body attended by a large funeral cortège, was conveyed to Crocker whence it was taken to Springfield for burial. Funeral services were also held there Tuesday.

Estelle Mae Cabaniss was born in Kansas City, Missouri March 17, 1901; died in Iberia, Missouri, November 8, 1924, age 23 years, months and 21 days.

She graduated from Drury College, Springfield, MO., in 1923, and following her graduation was employed on the Iberia Academy faculty, she serving her second year in this capacity at the time of her death. She is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Cabaniss, of Springfield, Mo.

Miss Cabaniss was an exceptionally talented Christian young lady and was a great asset to Iberia Academy. She will ever be remembered for her untiring interest and activity in the social, religious and educational work in the school here which she loved dearly.

Unknown Publication, November

In a gun battle on the bank of the Osage River at Bagnell, on Wednesday of last week, Grant Thompson, a well known farmer, was shot and killed by his neighbor, Fred Crismon, another prominent farmer of that vicinity, and Crismon’s twenty-year old son, Francis, was fatally shot in the back by Thompson’s son, young Crismon dying three days later.

The awful tragedy was a continuation of a bitter feud that had existed between the two families for over two years. The trouble, we understand, began over two years ago over school matters. Since the time the elder Thompson and Crismon, father of the Crismon boys shot, have engaged in two or three shooting scrapes, both being injured.

The last shooting, prior to the fatal battle, occurred at Bagnell, Saturday, Nov. 29, at which time the elder Crismon was shot through the flesh of the shoulder by the elder Thompson, his assailant. Thompson was arrested and released on bond for his appearance at a special term of Circuit Court.

We are not able to go into details as to how the trouble came about last week owing to so many conflicting reports, however, according to general information, Thompson and his son (Charley, we are told) and Crismon, his two sons (Francis and Leo) and Logan Hickey, cousin of the Crismon boys, met at the ferry on the Osage near Bagnell. Both sides, it is reported, were armed. A quarrel ensued, and when the Thompsons showed fight the elder Crismon shot the elder Thompson through the head killing him instantly. During the battle young Crismon was shot in the back with a revolver by Thompson’s son.

The Crismon boy was hurried to his home nearby and a physician called to dress the wound. His condition continued to grow worse and on Friday he was taken to St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City, where he was operated upon Saturday morning. It was found that the ball had cut the spinal cord which had paralyzed his body from the shoulders down. He died Saturday afternoon.

The deceased was a brilliant young man, just finishing his four years work in the Eldon High School. He was a beneficiary member of the Modern Woodmen, holding his membership with the Eldon camp.

Funeral services were held Monday from the Eldon Baptist Church of which he was a member, after which interment was made in the Eldon Cemetery.

Grant Thompson, the other victim of the battle was buried last Saturday in the Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley. He leaves a wife and several children.
James Franklin Adams was born January 27, 1857, and died Feb. 28, 1926, aged 67 years, 1 month and 1 day. He had been a sufferer for three years of heart trouble.

The deceased was the oldest son of Charles R. Adams. He was married to Miss Martha Jane Barton Sept. 12, 1879, and to this union seven children were born—Dora, Della, Barbara, Louisa, Charlotta, Frank and Bluford, all of which have gone on before, except Dora Keeth of this place, Barbara Allen of Attica, Kans. and Bluford, the whereabouts of whom is not known by the family. He was last heard from in Haisington, Kans., July 1924.

Mr. Adams is also survived by a wife and one brother, Jasper Adams, of Norwich, Kans., and only one grandson, little six year old Robert Allen, of Attica, Kans.

Mr. Adams has lived on his home place most of his life, except seven and a half years he spent in Kansas. He returned to his home in September, 1924, and died there.

He possessed a highly pleasing disposition, kind, true, upright and courageous; and by reason of his friendly disposition, he easily and readily made friends with all whom he came in contact, a friendship ceasing only at his death. He was loved by all young people.

He was a member of the Methodist Church at Curry for several years. Funeral services and burial were held at Curry Cemetery Sunday afternoon, March 1st, conducted by Rev. V.M. Smith.

Nancy Elizabeth Aust Denton was born July 3, 1877; died 11 Apr 1925, being 47 years, 9 months and 8 days old at the time of her death. She was born and raised in Miller County, and was married to Wesley Denton October 17, 1895. There were born to thei union nine children—three boys and six girls, all living—Mrs. James Alexander, Dixon, Mo.; Mrs. Sylvia Karr, Iberia; Mrs. Arthur Shepard, Watkins; Herman, Tuscumbia; Sherman, Idabelle, Mary Olman and Veta. All were present at the funeral.

Funeral services were conducted at the Liingston Cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. After the song service prayer was offered by the writer, using for a text St. John 11-35.

Memoriam: In memory of our dear daughter and sister Nancy Elizabeth Denton who departed this life April 11, at the age of 47 years, after a long illness. Nancy was a daughter of W.M. and Mary Aust of Iberia, her mother having passed to the great beyond many years ago, and her father at this time is in Kansas. She has four sisters and five brothers all of whom are living except one brother, Will Aust who died at his home in Crocker, Mo., about eleven years ago. Those living are Everett, Frank and Perry of Oklahoma, Charley of Joplin, Mrs. Martin Jones of Crocker, Mrs. Joseph Long of Dixon, Mrs. John Whittle of Versailles and Mrs. Henry Gardner of Iberia. Nancy will be sadly missed by father, brothers and sisters.

Sarah Haseltine Bond Smith was born in Miller County, Missouri, December 19, 1848, and died at her home in Crocker April 11, 1925, being 76 years, 3 months and 22 days old when death relieved her of her sufferings. She was united in marriage to John Wesley Smith, November 14, 1865, to which union 13 children were born, nine of whom remain to mourn her passing: Mrs. George Groves, of Iberia, Mrs. J.J. Cooper, Lenapah, Oklahoma, Mrs. Tilda Gin_, of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Dora Jones, of Granite City, Ill., Mrs. L.C. Faust, of Crocker, Mo., Felix Smith, of Iberia, Lewis Smith, Mrs. John Barlow and Harvey Smith, all of Crocker, all but two of the children being with her at the time of her death. Her husband passed from this life on December 22, 1919.

Mrs. Smith united with the Baptist Church about 30 years ago and later with the Christian New Light Church at Iberia of which she remained a faithful member until her death.
Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. by Rev. Jess O. Brown, at the Christian New Light Church at Iberia. A large congregation assembled to pay their tribute of respect to the aged mother and citizen. Goodbye mother ‘til we meet again.

Unknown Publication, unknown date

Mrs. Ivy Fancher, of Oil Hill, Kans., sends us a clipping taken from the Eldorado (Kans.) Times of February 11, giving an account of the death of Ira Woolery, formerly of this county.

Mr. Woolery’s home was in Augusta, Kans. and he was an employee of the Black, Sivalls & Bryson Tank Co., working at Eldorado when he met an untimely death. On Wednesday morning, Feb. 11th, a Ford truck, in which he and three other employees of the company were riding, collided with a large truck belonging to the Empire Gas & Fuel Co., resulting in the death of Mr. Woolery and minor injuries of the other occupants of the Ford truck. The Ford truck was completely demolished. Mr. Woolery was thrown some distance, lighting on his head, causing him to sustain a fractured skull. He lived until 1 o’clock in the afternoon.

He is survived by a wife and four small children. Mr. Woolery was well known in south Miller County, he having made this part of the county his home until he was about 33 years old, when he went to Kansas. He was a nephew of B.F. Woolery, west of Iberia and was one time constable of Glaze Township, we are told.

Unknown Publication, December 1923

Cora (Rowden) Shelton was born November 4, 1876; died December 15, 1923 of Bright’s Disease followed by pneumonia, aged 47 years, one month and eleven days. She was married to George W. Shelton, Sept. 2, 1896, and to this union were born two children, Beulah, who died at the age of four months, and Evelyn who is now Mrs. John M. Ferguson. She is survived by her husband and daughter, two grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. G.M. Durham of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Isaac Sherrel and Mrs. Everett Jones, both of Iberia. Her mother died about fifteen years ago, her father, James W. Rowden, having passed away only three days prior to her death.

Beautiful and impressive funeral services conducted by Prof. G. Byron Smith, were held Sunday afternoon at the home in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last tribute of love and respect to the departed loved one, friend and neighbor. The body was laid to rest in the Iberia Cemetery.

Unterrified Democrat, November 1974

Death came suddenly to Quentin (Pete) Loethen on Sat., Nov. 2 (1974) at his home in St. Louis, resulting from a fall while repairing a roof. He was the son of Rudolph P. and Ethel M. Roberds Loethen of Meta, who survive. His wife, the former Valerette Rohlfing, and a son, Gerald, both of St. Louis also survive. Other survivors include three brothers - Robert, Lawrence and Leonard Loethen.

He was a member of Teamsters Local No. 610 and Knights of Columbus Council 2440 of Fenton.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Margaret Mary Alocoque Catholic Church in Mehlville. Burial was in National Cemetery.

Unterrified Democrat, January 1975

Henry Lueckenotto, 77, of Meta, died Friday, Jan. 10, 1975, at Jefferson City hospital. Mr. Lueckenotto was born April 8, 1897, near St. Thomas, the son of Phillip and Anna Wiegers Lueckenotto. He was married at St. Thomas, Nov. 10, 1926, to the former Miss Agnes Groner, who survives.

A retired Osage County farmer, he had resided at Meta since 1966. He was a member of the St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Meta, where funeral services were held Monday with the Rev.
Lawrence Kohler, M.S. officiating. Mr. Lueckenotto was a member of the St. Thomas Council No. 2149, Knights of Columbus and had earned his 50-year pin. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society.

Other survivors include: four sons - Edmund and Robert Lueckenotto, both of Jefferson City; the Rev. Arthur Lueckenotto, M.S., Madagascar, Africa; and Lawrence Lueckenotto of St. Thomas. Eight daughters - Miss Marie Lueckenotto and Mrs. Florentine Hagenhoff, both of Meta; Mrs. Imogene Volmert of St. Thomas, Mrs. Rosaline Bisges of Koeltztown, Mrs. Dorothy Buechter of Iberia, Mrs. Jerline Schroder of Taos, Mrs. Norine Brune of Blue Springs and Mrs. Mildred Wieberg of Jefferson City.

Two sisters - Mrs. Alma Boessen and Mrs. Emma Luebbering, both of St. Thomas and 41 grandchildren.

The Stevinson Funeral Home, Meta, was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in the St. Cecelia Catholic Church Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, January 1919

**Julius Cotten** died at his home, one mile west of Eldon, Saturday, January 17th after an illness of several months, at the age of about 50 years.

Mr. Cotten was one of the most widely known citizens of Miller County. He owned a good farm near Eldon and was recognized as one of the leading stock dealers of the north part of the county. He was a son of Thomas Cotten, one of the pioneer citizens of the county.

He is survived by his wife and two children—a son about 10 years of age and a daughter still younger; also a brother—Norman, a farmer residing nearby; and a sister, Mrs. J.W. Fitzgerald of Eldon. Interment was made Sunday at the Dooley Cemetery where his father and other relatives are buried.

The Miller County Autogram, May 1919

Our community was saddened Sunday morning by the news that the death angel had entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Walker and had taken their eldest son, Ivy. **Ivy Walker** was born August 12, 1898; died May 11, 1919, aged 20 years, 8 months and 29 days. His entire life was spent in and around Tuscumbia, and our people knew him as a reliable, trustworthy young man. He was of a pleasing disposition, and leaves a host of friends in addition to his many sorrowing relatives to mourn his death.

Besides his father and mother, he leaves two sisters, Miss Zella of Kansas City, and little Lela and a younger brother, Harry.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church Monday morning, conducted by Rev. Davison of Eldon, and attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends after which the remains were laid in their final resting place in the town cemetery.

The floral tribute was beautiful and well represented the esteem in which the deceased was held by his friends. The bereaved family has the heartfelt sympathy of the people of our town and community.

Unknown Publication, April 1916

On Sunday morning, April 23, word was received from Santa Rosa, Calif., by Miss Zoe Harris of Eldon, Mo., announcing the death of her grandmother Mrs. **Elizabeth Harris**. She had been ill with Neuritis for some time. Her daughter and husband with whom she made her home had recently moved to Arbuckle, Cal. So when she grew worse the doctors and the family thought best to have her taken to the hospital.

The first two weeks she was there she suffered terribly, also part of the last week. She became partially paralyzed and was not able to connect her sentences only at times. From Tuesday at 1 p.m. until Friday at 12 m. when she passed away she never gained consciousness.
She was such a patient sufferer through it all and everything that medical skill and loving attention could give was done for her.

Although the family had been in their new home only a short time yet they found friends in their hour of deep sorrow who sympathized with them and many beautiful floral offerings were sent in token of the esteem in which all were held.

Mother Harris was born near Spring Garden, Mo., April 7, 1853, was married Oct. 12, 1873 and died in Santa Rosa, Calif., April 21, 1916. She was converted and joined the Christian Church when quite young and lived a beautiful consecrated life, always loving and tender and so thoughtful of others. To know her was to love her.

She leaves three children, three grandchildren, two brothers and one sister who will miss her most of all but a host of relatives and friends who sympathize with the family in this hour of need and who would point them to lean on Christ the great burden bearer.

Unknown Publication, February 1923

William Sherman Groff, aged 56 years, died at his home in Iberia Tuesday night at 11:50 of asthma from which he has been suffering for several years. He was formerly engaged in the mercantile business here; served one term as collector of our county and since that time has devoted much of his time to farming and banking, being at the time of his death a director of the Farmers & Traders Bank.

He is survived by his wife, four brothers, John K., Hervey W., Elmer E., and Bert Groff; one sister, Mrs. Lev Thompson.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 o’clock p.m. from the Baptist Church of which he was a member. The services at the church will be conducted by Rev. J.M. Bandy, after which the Masonic order at this place, of which he was also a member, will take charge of the burial services in the town cemetery.

W.S. Groff was born Dec 16, 1866, died Feb. 14, 1923. He was 56 years 1 month and 28 days old. The deceased was born near Iberia, Mo., at the old Groff Homestead where he lived until his death. He had been in failing health for ten years.

At the age of 23 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Mackney to which union no children were born. At the age of 41 he was converted and united with the Missionary Baptist Church of Iberia, of which church he was a faithful and consecrated member until his death. Throughout his entire illness he was patient and resigned. The end came peacefully as also was his life.

He leaves besides his companion, four brothers, J.K., H.W., E.E., and A.B. Groff and one sister, Mrs. Alice Thompson of Brumley, also a number of nieces and nephews, together with a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The Iberia Sentinel, August 1924

Little Raymond Graham Dies – Raymond, the little four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Graham of Columbia, Mo., died Tuesday morning at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cross, a few miles east of Iberia, whom he had come to visit a few weeks ago. His parents were called a few days later by his illness. The little fellow died of lymphatic leukemia of which he had been afflicted for some time.

Mrs. Graham before her marriage was Miss Lennie Cross and is well known by many of the Sentinel readers who are indeed sorry to learn of her sad bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Chas. M. Sooter Tuesday afternoon, after which the little body was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery near Brays.

Unknown Publication, January 1933

Daniel Gideon Wall, well known farmer and stockman of the community east of Brumley, died at his home last Friday of a prolonged illness. He had been in failing health for a
year or so, having during this time received treatment in a hospital. D.G. Wall was born May 10, 1863; passed away at his home near Brumley, Mo., Jan. 13, 1933 at the age of 69 years, 8 months and 3 days.

He was married to Miss Mahala J. Pemberton, February 27, 1890, and to this union eight children were born—five sons and three daughters, two of the daughters in infancy, having preceded him in death. Members of the immediate family, consisting of his wife, one daughter and five sons, survive him, namely: Mrs. Ruby Colvin (daughter) of Muncie, Kans., Virgil and Hobart of Tuscumbia, Urshel of Richland and Noble and Ora at home. Besides his wife, daughter and sons he is survived by one brother, George; one sister, Mrs. Fanny Plemmons and many other relatives who mourn his passing.

He had been a loyal and worthy member of the Masonic lodge at Brumley for 48 years.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. J.C. Thompson of Brumley, at 11 o’clock a.m. Sunday, in the presence of a very large crowd of Kindred and friends. His remains were conveyed to the Williams Cemetery by Adams & Casey, funeral directors of Iberia, where an impressive Masonic funeral service was conducted by a large group of Masons from Brumley, Tuscumbia, Iberia, Eldon, Richland, Ulman and Olean.

Unknown Publication, March 1933

**Henry P. Gardner** a life long citizen of Miller County and for a number of years a resident of Iberia, died at his home here early Sunday morning of a lingering illness which finally developed into pneumonia.

Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gardner (deceased) was born January 16, 1870; died March 11, 1933 of pneumonia, being at the time of his death 63 years, 1 month and 23 days old. He was born and raised in Miller County.

He was married to Clem Aust in 1890 and to this union six children were born, one son preceded him to the great beyond.

He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, Mrs. Clem Gardner; one son and four daughters, George, Edith and Mrs. Queen Crum of Iberia, Mrs. Will Rogers of Springfield, Ill., four grandchildren, Raymond and Earl Shackleford, Mary Ellen Crum, and Jack Tallman; one sister and five brothers, Mrs. Forest Greene, Felix, Robert and Abe of Iberia, Willie Gardner of Ganite City, Ill., Shay Gardner of Ponca City, Okla.; several nieces and nephews besides a host of other friends.

Henry was loved by everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed in the home and in the community. He was a devoted Christian. He united with the North Christian Church in his early life.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Chas. M. Sooter, were held in the Iberia Nazarene Church, Sunday afternoon, after which the body was laid to rest in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of Adams & Casey, local funeral directors.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1932

**John R. Bond**, another one of south Miller County’s oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home here in Iberia Thursday, July 21 following a long illness. Some five years ago he was stricken with an attack of illness which left his body in a paralyzed condition. From that time until his death he was an invalid, tough through the long siege he was cheerful and hopeful to the end.

Mr. Bond was a successful farmer and one of our most influential citizens. For many years he was a member of the board of directors of the Farmers and Traders Bank and retained this position at the time of his death. He was also a Civil War veteran, a Mason and a member of the local Eastern Star lodge.

Mr. John R. Bond of Iberia, Mo. was born in Miller County, Mo. Dec. 14, 1843; died July 21, 1932 at his home in Iberia, being at the time of his death eighty-eight years, six months
and seven days old. He was married to Sarah A. Watkins Nov. 24, 1861. To this union were
born ten children, Ed Bond, Emma Bond, James Bond and Samuel Bond, all of California; Dolly
Berry of Tusculumia, Mo., Mrs. Fanny Gregory of Jefferson City, Mo., Mrs. Joe Livingston and
Mrs. J.A. Eads of Iberia and Miss Bird Bond of Chicago, Ill. One died in infancy. His first wife
died some twenty years ago. He was then married to Mary E. Wright, in October 1914, who still
survives him. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, nine children, fourteen grandchildren,
two brothers, one sister, Lou Bond, P. Bond and Addie Smith, all of Iberia.
He was converted and united with the Hickory Point Baptist Church in 1862. Later
moved his membership to Iberia Baptist Church where he belonged when he died, having lived
seventy years a Christian life, being an example to all that know him. He was a good father, a
good husband, a good citizen. He will be missed in the home, in the church, and in the
community.

He united with the Masonic Lodge about fifty years ago and was faithful to this trust, also
he belonged to the Eastern Star, and was faithful to this order.

Impressive funeral services, in charge of C.L. Casey, local funeral director, were
conducted by the Rev. Jesse O. Brown of Richland from the Iberia Baptist Church Saturday
morning at 10:30. As per request of Mr. Bond some time before he died, Mr. Casey stood at the
head of the casket and sang that inspiring hymn, “Beautiful Isle of Somewhere.” At the close of
the sermon, the Eastern Star lodge took charge of the services and paid a most befitting tribute to
their departed member.

The body was conveyed to the Livingston Cemetery and buried by the side of his first
wife, the Iberia Masonic Lodge there having charge of the services.

Unknown Publication, July 1932

Margaret J. Jarrett was born Aug 10, 1889; died July 22, 1932. She was 43 years, 11
months and 19 days old. She was the daughter of J.W.P. and Elizabeth Jarrett. Parents preceded
her in death.

Maggie was born and raised on the old Jarrett farm, a mile north of Iberia. After the
death of her mother several years ago, she took the mother’s place in the good old home with
some of the other children, then young. She loved the home and looked after the interest like a
mother. In fact, she was a mother in that home.

She united with the Fairview Christian Church in early life, lived faithful to her Lord and
Master, enjoying the fellowship of the entire membership of the church, also highly esteemed,
loved and respected by the community.

She was united in marriage to Bro. W.J. Gray Sept 1, 1929, no heir to the union. They
have been living in Jefferson City where she died on the date mentioned, from a cut inflicted on
one limb caused by falling on glass causing blood poison and lock jaw, so we are informed.

The sudden and unexpected death of sister Gray came as a tremendous shock to relatives
and friends. Those left to mourn her departure is a kind, loving, faithful husband, with six
children by his former marriage that she became a step mother to. Seven brothers, two sisters,
namely: Charlie of Wet Glaze; Fred, Granite City, Ill., Oscar of Jefferson City, George, Able,
Willie and Henry, Iberia, Mrs. Geo. Barr, Iberia, Mrs. Joe Slone, Hancock, with many other
relatives and friends.

The body was brought back home for burial. Funeral services were held at the Fairview
Church, July 23 at 3 p.m. A very large crowd attended the funeral. The body was laid to rest by
a Jefferson City funeral undertaker service in the home cemetery on the Jarrett farm, to await the
resurrection morning.
The Iberia Sentinel, April 1932

Mrs. Raymond Shyrock was killed and her husband injured in an automobile accident near St. Clair last Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Shyrock, who lived on a farm near St. Clair, were on their way to the home of one of their neighbors when the accident occurred. Mrs. Shyrock was learning to drive the car and as she went to pass a wagon and team on the narrow country road, she lost control of the car and swerved it to the opposite side of the road onto a bank, turning the machine over and pinning them both beneath it. They were held in this position, Mr. Shyrock said, for about an hour and a half, the occupants of the wagon proceeding on their way unaware of what had happened. When they were found by other parties passing that way, the car was lifted off them and Mrs. Shyrock was dead and her husband paralyzed from delayed blood circulation caused by the heavy pressure of the car upon his body. However, he finally recovered from this condition and was able to attend his wife’s funeral Sunday.

Mrs. Shyrock was before her marriage, Miss Ida Berry, daughter of James Berry, a widely known farmer of the community east of Iberia. She was married to Mr. Shyrock several years ago, but no children were born to the union. Her body was brought back here and funeral services, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Chas. Maines of the St. Clair Baptist Church, were held at Union Church near Brays Sunday morning at 11 o’clock and interment made in the cemetery at that place.

She is survived by her husband, father, two brothers—Leonard and Walter Berry; and one sister, Mrs. David Livingston, all of near Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, June 1932

Mrs. Mabel Smith, wife of President G. Byron Smith of Iberia Junior College, died at her cottage home here on the campus last Thursday afternoon, June 16, following a prolonged illness. She was 68 years of age.

Mrs. Smith had been in failing health for the past two or three years, caused by an inward tumor. In spite of the best medical aid that could be obtained, her condition gradually grew more alarming from month to month. The best medical skill of St. Louis, Rochester, Minnesota and Battle Creek, Michigan administered to her as long as there was the slightest hope of affecting a cure, but of no avail.

Mrs. Mabel (White) Smith was born on a farm near Quincy, Ill., October 11, 1864. She graduated from Knox College, class of 1889, and on March 25, 1890, she was united in marriage to G. Byron Smith, her college classmate, both graduating at the same time. Immediately following their marriage, she and her husband taught school one term in Mazon, Ill., and in September 1890 she came as a bride with her husband to Iberia, when they established Iberia Academy that fall, and for 42 years toiled and worked together in the institution which is in part a living monument to her life’s work.

During practically all of these 42 years, possibly with the exception of the past two years, she taught mathematics and Latin, being exceptionally efficient in these subjects. Her work by no means was confined to the school rooms alone, because her life was full of that desire to administer to the needs of the students and infact all those who needed her advice and friendly council.

She was a life-long member of the Congregational Church here and one of its most generous supporters. For many years she taught the young men’s Bible class and it was through her knowledge and manner of teaching that many a young man was inspired to live that more perfect life.

Mrs. Smith was an every-day Christian. The beautifying influence of the life she lived among us will ever be a guilding star to the better things of this life as well as the life beyond.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, DR. G. Byron Smith, of Iberia, one brother and two sisters—Orville D. White of Syracuse, Kans., Mrs. E.F. Judy of Clayton, Ill., and Mrs. Chas. Bates of Spokane, Wash.
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o’clock, on the campus lawn in front of the cottage home, as per Mrs. Smith’s request. Dr. J.T. Stocking, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, St. Louis, conducted the services and spoke in words of tenderest sympathy and comfort of the deepest Christian hope and promise. The choir consisting of six young ladies, Misses Martha Gertrude Casey, Faye Abbott, Doris Weeks, Vera Porter, Lela and Ruby Keeth, accompanied by Mrs. Cliff H. Clark and Miss Glennis Pemberton at the piano sang a number of beautiful songs. Miss Lela Keeth also sang a touching solo, “Going Home”.

The Iberia Sentinel, September 1924

Mr. and Mrs. Hamon Luttrell of near Brumley, while on their way home from Mt. Union Church last Sunday were caught in a rain and electrical storm, resulting in the death of Mrs. Luttrell and serious injuries to her husband, which may yet prove fatal. They were walking and had to cross a wire fence to reach home. Mr. Luttrell, it is said, had just crossed the fence and Mrs. Luttrell was in the act of crossing when a bolt of lightning hit the wire electrocuting her. Mr. Luttrell was badly burned on one side of his body, and is said to be in critical condition.

The couple had been married about a year. Mr. Luttrell is a son of Jack Luttrell and Mrs. Luttrell was a daughter of Thomas Witt.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1924

Lonzo E. Roark, son of Clint Roark of near Iberia, died of typhoid fever at his home near Waynesville, last Friday, and his body was laid to rest in the Iberia Cemetery Saturday under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

He was an industrious young farmer and lived on the J.L. Hooper farm between Crocker and Waynesville.

Lonzo Elmer Roark was born July 19, 1890; died November 7, 1924. He was married to Della Humphrey and to this union five children were born, one of the preceding him in death some few years ago. The four living children are Floyd, Clemmons, Garrett and Gladys. He united with the Christian (Newlight) Church about eleven years ago.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves to mourn his death, a father, mother, six brothers and one sister.

Unknown Publication, September 1924

Thomas J. Hensley was born November 17, 1851; died September 17, 1924, aged 72 years and 10 months. He was united in marriage to Arvazena Jarrett in 1873. To this union were born 10 children—6 boys and 4 girls. Three girls and 1 boy preceded him in death to the spirit land in infancy. We here give the names of those living—William, Arthur, Milton, John, Harvey and Mrs. Emma Blankenship.

Bro. Hensley was born in Cole County, Mo. and came to Miller County when very young. He has lived on a farm north of Iberia for a number of years.

For the past few years he has been in failing health and on Wednesday, Sept. 17, while sitting in a chair reading the paper the summons came and he quietly passed out of his earthly home to his home above the Kingdom of God. He died in the presence of his aged and feeble wife and son William.

Bro Hensley was one of Miller County’s honorable and well-respected citizens, highly esteemed and loved by all who knew him. Some 40 years ago he united with the church, thus making preparations for the future. Fourteen years ago he united with the Fairview Christian Church in the community in which he lived. He was an efficient, faithful, loyal member.

He leaves to mourn his departure his faithful wife; six children; a number of grandchildren and a brother, Joseph Hensley of Sand Springs, Okla.; also other relatives and many friends.
The funeral was conducted by Rev. C.M. Sooter at the Jarrett Cemetery, the home and family burying ground. Quite a number of the old time friends were present to pay their respectes to one so worthy.

Unknown Publication, November 1924

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Hays, age 83, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Johnston, in Chicago, Sunday November 2, following an illness of several months duration. The body was shipped back to Iberia, her old home, arriving here Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston accompanied the remains.

Funeral services conducted by Prof. Byron Smith, were held from the Congregational Church Wednesday afternoon after which the remains were laid to rest in the Iberia Cemetery by the side of her husband, E.D. Hayes, who died a number of years ago.

She was a consecrated member of the church from childhood. She is survived by four children: Porter Hays of Missoula, Montana, Walter Hays, Iberia, Mo., Herbert Hays, Burbank, Calif. and Mrs. Samuel Johnston, Chicago.

Unknown Publication, May 1924

Mrs. Helen Arendall was born in Washington County, Mo., July 10, 1938; died May 21, 1924 at her home, Brays, Mo., aged 85 years, 10 months and 12 days. Her husband, daughter and husband, son and wife, grandson and wife and many friends were at her bedside during her last moments, her son and wife and grandson and wife arriving forty minutes before death. Her daughter never left her bedside the last 36 hours of her stay here.

Mrs. Arendall was the fifth daughter of Miles and Sarah Goforth. Her parents died when she was small. She went to live with Mrs. Mayria Anderson when only a child, living with the family until her marriage at the age of 27 years, Mr. Bill Anderson of Crocker being as near as a father to her. Her father’s family consisted of nine girls and two boys, two infants passing away before being named. Her sisters were Mary, who died at Brays, Mo., Mrs. Sarah Rutledge, who died at Sedalia, Mrs. Evelyn Mathews, who died at Stony Point, Mo., Jane, Julia and John in Maries County, Caroline Washington and Will in St. Louis.

Mrs. Arendall was the mother of four children: Leftie, May, Maud and Allen; Maud and Leftie preceding her to the spirit world; also five grandchildren: Ms. Dr. Kirkwood, S.D.; Dr. Guy Smith, Kansas City, Kans.; Miss Mabel Smith, P.I., and Isaac Smith of Brays; also five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Arendall was the last of the old Goforth family—only one niece, Mrs. Hattie Eddington, three nephews, Arendall, Frank and Preston Goforth. She was a great singer and loved music but after the death of Leftie she was never heard to sing again. She was never the same after Leftie passed away, grieving for until her last days.

Her death was the fourth of her husband's family to go in five months: two brothers, one sister and wife. She was a member of the Iberia Rebecca Lodge, but not one of the members came to see her during her sickness. She was loved by everyone, was a loving wife and mother, friend and neighbor.

Unknown Publication, July 1923

“Grandma” Goforth Dies in Waynesville – Mary A. Condra was born in Clay County, Tennessee November 10, 1844; was married to Frederic Seigle in 1860 to which union was born one daughter, Mary E. Huff, who is now at her home in Hickory County suffering with paralysis. Mr. Seigle went to war and in a few months was sent home sick, dying in a short time after his return. In 1866 she was married to David I. Goforth and to this union were born seven children—three girls and four boys, two of whom, A.M. and James, were present at the funeral services Tuesday.
She and her husband came to Miller County in 1883, where she lived until last January a year ago, when she was removed from her home here in Iberia to the home of her son, A.M. Goforth, in Waynesville, Pulaski County, after suffering a stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered.

She died Monday, July 16, 1923, at the age of 78 years, 8 months and 6 days. The body was brought to Iberia Tuesday for burial. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. H.J. Fen__ick pastor of the M.E. Church, were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of D.H. Condra, brother of the deceased after which interment was made in the town cemetery by the side of her late husband under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

She leaves to mourn her loss several children among whom are A.M. of Waynesville, James of Wet Glaize, Camden County, Bob and Jack who live in South Dakota, and Mrs. Dave Johnston; also three brothers, W.P., D.H. and C.W. Condra, all of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1922

Mable Lucille Stone was born Nov. 13, 1919; died Feb 3, 1922, being at the time of her death 2 years, 2 months and 20 days old. She came to her death by falling into a kettle of hot soap that had just been removed from the fire and left set on the hearth. Drs. vonGremp and Duncan were called at once and all that skilled physicians, willing hands and loving hearts could do was done, but all in vain. The summons had come and she must answer the call.

Little Mable was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone. Those left to cherish her memory, besides her parents, are her four sisters, two brothers, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. K.W. Stone and Mr. B. Crane, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Hickory Point Christian Church Sunday, Feb. 5th, after which all that was mortal of little Mable was conveyed to the cemetery nearby and there, amidst a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, was consigned to the grave to await the sound of the trumpet of God. -Eld. R.F. Moneymaker

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1922

Clinton Long, the little ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Long of R.F.D. No1, died Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness. The little fellow had been in ill health for some time from a complication of diseases and death came as the only relief. Funeral services, we are informed, were held Monday at Pleasant Hill Church after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place.

Herbert Clinton Long was born Feb 7, 1911; died at the home of his parents near Pleasant Hill, July 2, 1922, being at the time of his death 11 years, 4 months and 15 days old. He leaves to mourn his departure, father, mother, and two brothers, besides a host of other relatives and friends, but what is our loss is Heaven’s gain.

Little Clint was a bright, intelligent boy, always cheerful. He was the idol of the home, and dearly loved by all who knew him. We shall meet but we shall miss him.

Funeral services were held from the Pleasant Hill Church July 3rd, at which time the writer tried to speak words of comfort to the sorrowing ones, after which all that was mortal of little Clint was conveyed to the cemetery nearby and there amidst a host of sorrowing ones was consigned to the narrow limits of the tomb, there to sleep until that morning when the trump of God shall sound.

-Eld. R.F. Moneymaker

Unknown Publication, March 1918

James, the little nine years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Messersmith of this place, died Thursday afternoon after a brief illness. Spinal trouble was the cause of his death and the little fellow suffered untold agony from the Sunday evening previous until death relieved him of the awful suffering. Little James was a bright and promising child and his death has been a crushing blow to the bereaved family who, on account of the nature of this ailment, were obliged
to bear the burden of their grief almost unattended. While this was true, the sympathy of the people of the town and community was with the family and tears were shed in many homes when it was announced that little James was dead. A beautiful floral offering was made by the primary department of the school, the Sunday school and women of the town. The little body was laid to rest in the town cemetery Friday afternoon.

Unknown Publication, October 1919

Alonzo Barney Reed Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed of Barnett, died at their home Tuesday night of last week, aged three years, five months and twenty-one days.

It was thought that the child was only suffering from a sore throat up to a few hours before death when a turn for the worse was taken. Drs. Allee and Walker of Eldon were called and they pronounced the trouble diphtheria. They administered antitoxin but it was too late to do any good.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the home and interment was made in New Hope Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Reed of Ulman and Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Spearman, James Spearman and Mrs. T.C. Wright of this place attended the funeral. The bereaved father and mother have the sympathy of Miller County friends.

Unknown Publication, May 1930

Sarah Elizabeth Heltzell, daughter of George and Priscilla Heltzell, was born August 25, 1862 in Bedford, Pennsylvania. She moved from Bedford with her parents to Glencoe, MO at an early age and there she attended school completing her education in the St. Louis and Kirkwood, Missouri High Schools.

On Jan. 22, 1886 she married William L. Farnham of Iberia and at 24 years of age they moved to the family farm near Iberia. Some years later the Farnhams moved into Iberia and remained for the rest of their lives. She passed away May 8th at 5 o’clock Thursday evening in Los Angeles, California where she had gone to receive treatment.

Mrs. Sadie Farnham joined the Methodist Church at an early age and later transferred her membership to the Congregational Church.

She is survived by her husband William L. Farnham and two children: William, Jr. and Grace (Clark), three grandchildren, Helen Clark Atwell, William Jean and Don Robert Farnham, and two great-grandchildren, Lila Lee and Jerry Atwell; and also a brother and sister, Selby J. Heltzell and Mrs. Annie Farnham, having had one brother and sister who preceded her in death, Samuel and Blanche Heltzell.

Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, April 1930

Mrs. Wes Norwood (Margaret S. Cooper), widow of the late Dr. Wes Norwood, died at Strauss, Kans., at the home of her son, Tuesday, April 22. She was a sister of Mrs. Frank L. Burks of Iberia, Mrs. John Lupardus of Brumley, Mrs. Powel Nixdorf of Ulman, and Milton Cooper also of Ulman. Besides the son with whom she lived, she had another so living in New Mexico who was also present at the funeral service.

The body, accompanied by her sons, was shipped to Crocker arriving there Saturday, where it was met by the Adams & Casey funeral coach and taken to the Nixdorf home in Ulman.

Funeral service, conducted by Rev. J.C. Thompson, was held from the Ulman Christian Church at 2 o’clock Saturday afternoon, after which interment was made in the Gott Cemetery by the side of her husband who departed this life in 1909. Adams & Casey, local funeral directors, had charge of the burial.

The Iberia Sentinel, June 1930
Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen Teaverbaugh departed this life at her home in Iberia, Sunday, June 29. Funeral services held in the home and in the Christian church at Wheeler Tuesday afternoon and burial in the Crismon Cemetery at Tavern, Mo.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Teaverbaugh, who passed away at her home in Iberia, Sunday evening, again casts a gloom of sorrow over her many friends and relatives whom she has known for so many years. Mrs. Teaverbaugh had been in failing health for a number of years. Her last illness was of a short duration.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Lawson; was born May 15, 1855, being at the time of her death 75 years, 1 month and 14 days.

She was twice married, first to William L. Sherrell (deceased); to this union eight children were born, all living except Everett who died an infant. Those remaining are Mrs. Marie Hildman of San Diego, Cal., Mrs. S.W. Dillard and Mrs. Lucy Thome of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Fred Healey, Mr. Isaac Sherrell and Mr. Claud Sherrell of Dixon, Mo.

Her death being so sudden, it was impossible for all of her children to be at her bedside at the time of her death; but all were present at the funeral except one daughter, living in California. She is also survived by her last husband W.J. Teaverbaugh, who at this time is in very poor health, and one brother, George Lawson, living in Maries County.

Mrs. Teaverbaugh was first united with the M.E. Church, after changing her membership to the Christian Church of Iberia, Mo., and remained a faithful member until her death.

A short discourse was held at her home Tuesday p.m. in Iberia by Rev. C.M. Sooter after which she was taken to the Christian Church at Wheeler where regular funeral services were conducted by Rev. C.M. Sooter. She was then laid to rest in the Crismon Cemetery in Maries County.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1930

William Jasper Teaverbaugh was born on February 7, 1846, in Osage County, Missouri. He entered into rest on July 16, 1930, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Groves, about three miles west of Iberia. He was 84 years, 5 months and 8 days old at the time of his death.

Mr. Teaverbaugh enlisted in the Union Army at Springfield, MO., in 1862, at the age of 17 years, and served until the close of the war. He enlisted in Company C, Missouri Volunteers and was discharged at Benton Barracks, Missouri in 1865. He was a member of the Miles Carrol G.A.R. Post No. 111, at Iberia of which he was Junior Vice Commander.

At the age of 21 years he was married to Miss Archer and to this union five children were born, three having already preceded him in death and two surviving, namely: Mrs. Pearl Barlow, Mrs. Florence Shearer. His wife passed away in early life after which he married Carrie M. Loyd on Dec. 17, 1884, and to this union five children were born, all living but one (Jesse Teaverbaugh having died Dec. 20, 1918). Those living are George Teaverbaugh, Mrs. Lilly Greenwood and Mrs. Nellie Groves all of Iberia, Mrs. Georgia Keeth of Panama, Okla. His second wife died January 2, 1917, and in 1920 he married Mrs. Sherrel, who preceded him in death just a few days.

Mr. Teaverbaugh has been a resident of Iberia for about 12 years where he made a host of loyal friends. Early in life he united with the Christian Church where he always retained his membership.

He suffered a stroke of paralysis about six weeks ago, from which he never recovered. He was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Groves, five weeks ago where he could be better taken care of. He enjoyed good health all through life up to the time he had the stroke.

Funeral services were held at the G.A.R. Hall in Iberia Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. E.G. Giggy of the Methodist Church, after which interment was made in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, west of Iberia.
Mrs. Mandy E. Morrow, wife of W.T. Morrow, was born March the 15, 1854; died Aug the 19, 1930, age 76 years 5 months and 4 days. She was united in marriage to W.T. Morrow in the year 1886, to this union 5 children were born, one boy, Alonzo, 1215 N. Main Ave., Springfield, Mo., 4 daughters: Mrs. Walter Jones, Dixon, Mo. R.4; Mrs. James Jones, 3117 Barthold Ave., Maplewood, Mo.; Mrs. B.F. Jenkins Iberia, Mo.; Mrs. J.A. Teeples, Crocker, Mo. R1; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and also 2 sisters, Mrs. Johney Jones, Dixon, Mo. R4; Mrs. Henry Jones, Dixon, Mo. $5; and Mrs. James Comstock of Silver Springs, Florida.

Sister Morrow lived all of her life in this community where she died. She was a member of the Christian Church, had been for 45 years. She was sorely afflicted, lost her sight, blind for 11 years, also afflicted with an incurable malady which caused her death on the date above mentioned, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B.F. Jenkins in Iberia.

The funeral services were conducted at the Union Church near Brays, consisting of singing, reading a scripture lesson, prayer by Bro. Geo. Jones. A brief appropriate message was delivered by the writer.

-C. M. Sooter, a brother in Christ

"Uncle" Julius C. Stone died Wednesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Johna Keeth, a few miles west of town with whom he was living. He was stricken down sick while in town one day last week and had to be taken home in an automobile. His condition continued to grow worse until death came as a welcome relief.

Julius C. Stone was born in Barren County, Ky., Oct 25, 1834; died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jonathan Keeth, May 12, 1920, being at the time of his death 86 years, 6 months and 17 days old.

He with his parents came to Missouri when quite young, and settled in Boone County, leaving there they came to Miller County in 1848, and resided here until his death.

About the year 1860 he was married to Elizabeth Anderson and to this union were born three boys and three girls. His companion and five children preceded him to the Spirit world. He united with the Church of Christ under the preaching of Eld. J.D. Thompson a number of years ago, and remained faithful until death.

Funeral services were held from Pleasant Hill Church, May 13th by Eld J.D. Thompson, in the presence of a host of sorrowing relatives and friends. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

He leaves to mourn his departure one daughter, Mrs. Jonathan Keeth, with whom he has made his home for several years, also one brother, nine grandchildren, and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

-R.F. Moneymaker

Wilbert Garfield Stone, son of John B. Stone and Dulcena A. Stone, was born on a farm two miles west of Iberia Feb 14, 1881; died at Fulton, MO., Aug. 30, 1922.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Frank Moneymaker at Hickory Point and interment made in the cemetery at that place.

The deceased is survived by a wife, Annie Stone (nee Rowden) and two children, who live at Dixon, Mo., also two brothers and three sisters. He had always lived a quiet farm life until 1913, when he became overheated in the harvest field. Health failed him and in 1917 his mind became so deranged that he was taken to the State Hospital where he remained until his death.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, March 2004
Mildred J. Weitz, 79, of Eldon died Saturday, March 27, 2004 in Jefferson City. Mrs. Weitz was born Oct. 11, 1924 in St. Anthony, to George L. Barr and Mary Alice (Jarrett) Barr. On July 13, 1946 in Eldon, she married James W. Weitz, Sr., who preceded her in death on May 26, 1994. Mrs. Weitz was a seamstress. She was employed for more than 15 years at Langenberg Hat Factory in St. Elizabeth. She also had worked at Osage Products, Pryor Novelty and Brockman Novelty.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Elmer, Joseph, Gilford, and Carroll Barr; and one sister, Irene Bollinger; and one infant sister.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jim Weitz and Sandy of Easton, Mo.; one daughter and son-in-law Patsy Weitz-Jarvis and Rodger of Jefferson City; two grandsons, James Weitz of St. Joseph, and Jerad Weitz of Easton; one sister Mark Weeks of Eldon; one brother Robert L. Barr of Shelbyville, Kan.; seven nieces and one nephew.

Funeral Services were Tuesday, March 30, at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Memorials are requested to Deena Horton Scholarship Fund.

Unknown Publication, February 1924
Lydia A. Rothwell was born in the state of Ohio, May 10, 1838; died Friday, Feb. 15, 1924, being 85 years, 9 months and 5 days old at the time of her death. She was married to Jabes E. Rothwell September 5, 1865, and to this union were born four children—three sons and one daughter, all having preceded her to the Promised Land except one son, Robert Rothwell, of Santa Barba, Calif. She is also survived by one grandson of California, and one sister, Mrs. Hattie Kershner of Sudheimer, Mo. There were no relatives present at the time of her death.

Her husband, a Civil War veteran, died in the state of Texas, God having called him January 9, 1892. Mrs. Rothwell, after the death of her husband, went to California where she lived until she came here in 1904. She was a member of the Iberia M.E. Church, and lived a consecrated Christian life ’til God called her to her reward. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. She leaves a host of friends and neighbors to mourn her death.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. C.W. Sooter, were held at the home of the deceased in Iberia, Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock. The body was laid to rest in the Iberia Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, July 21, 2008
Rosa Margaret Schaffer May, age 88, of Meta, died Monday, July 21, 2008, at the Westphalia Retirement Center. She was born in St. Anthony on May 11, 1920, daughter of Conrad and Hilda (Lueckenotte) Schaffer. On September 17, 1938, in St. Louis County, she was married to Curtis Davis, who preceded her in death. On February 14, 1947, in Maries County, she was married to William May, who preceded her in death. In 1952, in Meta, she was married to Claud Howard, who preceded her in death.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting, watching hummingbirds, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Stanley Davis and wife Mary Jane of Linn Creek, James May and wife Leora of Jefferson City, and Dwight Howard and wife Janice of Meta; four daughters, Janice Davis Kempker and husband Alfred of Jefferson City; Carolyn Davis McFadden and husband Robert of Bonnorts Mill, Pamela Arnold and husband James of Loose Creek, and Gloria May Phillips of Jefferson City; two sisters-in-law, Henrietta Schaffer of Holts Summit, and Elizabeth Schaffer of the state of Tennessee; one brother-in-law, Lloyd Kempker of Jefferson City; 26 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Rev. Bob Hamm will officiate. Interment will be in Southside Cemetery near Meta.
Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Rosa May Memorial Fund.

Unknown Publication, October 2000

**Irene Cynthia Basnett Vahle,** 94, Jefferson City, died Oct. 29, 2000, at Beverly Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Oct. 15, 1906, in Brumley, a daughter of Dolf and Mary Hale.

She was married Nov. 20, 1926, in Jefferson City, to William Frank Basnett, who died in 1956. She was married June 18, 1956, in Linn, to Dale George Vahle, who died Sept. 6, 1984.

She was employed during World War II as a production welder with Willamette Ship Yards, Portland, Ore. She worked at the International Shoe Company for 43 years and Mueller's Photo Lab for 14 years. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter Linda Moss, Jefferson City; three sons, Howard F. Basnett and William Basnett, both of Jefferson City, and Michael Basnett, Holts Summit; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-grandson. One son, Roy Bruce Basnett, preceded her in death. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home. The Rev. David Messersmith will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, May 1, 2007

**Clara Albin Allee,** 95, California, Mo., died Sunday April 29, 2007, at California Care Center in California, Mo.

Survivors include two stepsons, Paul Allee, California, Mo., and Norris Alee, Houston, Texas; four stepdaughters, Lois Reine, Jefferson City, Carol Maples, Richmond, Mo., Edith Hamilton, Hannibal, Mo. and Marlene Wieberg, Jefferson City; three brothers, Ralph Albin, California, Mo., Victor Albin, Des Moines, Iowa and Harold Albin, Adel, Iowa.

Services will be at Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Service, California, Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 11 a.m. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 2, 2007, 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements directed by Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Service in California, Mo.

Iberia Sentinel, August 1932

**Karl Franklin Jones,** the six year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Freeman Jones of south Iberia passed away at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, August 17, 1932, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City, Mo., where he had undergone an operation for appendicitis on Saturday, August 13,

The little body accompanied by his father, mother, brother, and sisters, who were with him when the end came, was brought back home late Wednesday evening by C.L. Casey, local funeral director. Interment was made in the Alder Springs Cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Impressive funeral services were conducted by J.M. Lamb at the Jones home at two o’clock Thursday in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Little Carl was preceded to the spirit world by an infant sister and brother, and leaves to mourn his departure father, mother, two sisters, two brothers, and a number of relatives and friends. He was a bright, good child, whom everyone loved, being kind to his playmates, a lover of flowers, and fond of pets. We have many beautiful memories of him—little deeds of kindness, pleasant little greetings, the songs he sang—which we will never forget.

Iberia Sentinel, June 1933

**Arendall Goforth,** editor of the Dixon Pilot, passed away at his home in Dixon last Friday, June 2. Funeral services were held from the Gilbert Funeral Home Sunday 2:00 p.m. and interment made in the Dixon Cemetery.
The passing of Editor Goforth brings deep sorrow to many of his newspaper friends as well as his immediate family and relatives. His age was 54 years, 8 months and 26 days.

Unknown Publication, February 1932

Charles T. Blackburn, marshal of Eldon for a number of years and deputy sheriff of Miller County, died at the family home in Eldon Thursday night of last week. He was widely known throughout the county and adjoining counties.

He was married May 27, 1886, to Clara Belle Taylor, who died about three years ago. He was a member of the Eldon Baptist Church and highly respected in that community.

Three children mourn his death, Mrs. J.I. Moore of Eldon, Mrs. H. M. Long of Kansas City, and Jewell S. Blackburn of Las Vegas, Nevada. Three brothers and four sisters also survive. They are Richard of Olean, Walter of St. Louis, Andy of Jefferson City, Mrs. J.R. Enloe of Corticella, Mrs. James Percy of Olean, Mrs. George Smith of Enon and Mrs. Amos of Jefferson City.

Iberia Sentinel, November 1932

Electa Hopkins, wife of Miles Davidson, deceased, was born at Washington, Indiana August 31, 1863 and died at the home of her son in St. Louis, Missouri November 29, 1932, at the age of sixty-nine years, twelve months and twenty-eight days.

Mrs. Davidson spent practically all of her girlhood in her home and at the early age of fifteen she made confession of her faith in her Savior and united with the Baptist Church of Washington, Indiana, but transferred her membership to the Congregational Church of Iberia after her marriage. While a young woman she, with her sister, Mrs. John Irwin, came to Iberia, Missouri to visit an older sister, Mrs. Ellen Osborn. It was here that she met Mr. Miles J. Davidson whom she married October 1887 and it was here that they made their home. To this union two sons were born, Otto who died at the age of twelve years, and Jennings who now resides in St. Louis.

Miles Davidson preceded Mrs. Davidson in death, having parted this life August 28, 1925. Mrs. Davidson leaves to mourn her departure her son, Jennings and his wife, two granddaughters, Marie and Emilie, two brothers, John Hopkins of Iberia and Daniel Hopkins of Washington, Indiana, and two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Osborn of Edinburg, Texas and Mrs. Annie Irwin of Iberia.

The body was brought from St. Louis in the Adams & Casey funeral coach, the funeral being in their charge, and services were conducted at Mrs. Davidson’s home in Iberia with President G. Byron Smith and Rev. P.J. Eckhoff officiating. A girls quartette, consisting of the Misses Vera Porter, Mary Louise Heltzell, Martha Gertrude Casey and Nell Williams, beautifully sang three sacred hymns appropriate to Mrs. Davidson’s life and for the occasion. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Iberia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, November 1932

Little Dona Emlyn Jones was born Sept. 14, 1932; died at her home in Iberia, Nov. 14, 1932, following a few days of serious illness.

A short funeral service was held in Iberia at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones, in the presence of relatives and friends. Interment was made the same day in the family cemetery at Fairview, five miles north of Dixon.

Dona Emlyn Jones is survived by father, mother, two brothers and three sisters, namely: Reba, Merl, Catherine, Paul and Billie, besides a host of relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Iberia Sentinel, December 1932
William Pankey, of the community east of Alder Springs, died last Sunday at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City, where he had been taken for medical treatment a few days before. We did not learn the nature of his ailment.

The body was brought back home Monday in the Adams & Casey funeral coach, and burial was made in the Panky Cemetery. He was about 25 years old and leaves a wife to mourn his departure.

Unknown Publication, March 1918

Brother George Bear was born in Hacking County, Ohio, Nov. 1st, 1849, died March 18, 1918, age 68 years, 4 months and 17 days. In the year 1857 his father moved from Ohio to Missouri, settling on a farm on Coon Creek, 3 miles northeast of Tuscumbia, Miller County, Missouri. The farm is now owned by his brother D.C. Bear.

Here he grew up and in the year 1880, Dec. 5th, was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Curry, to this union were born 12 children, 3 having preceded him to the spirit land, one infant boy, two daughters, Gertrude and Ida. Following are the names of the surviving children: Henry, Clarence, Clyde, Lidie Nixdorf, Katy Stark, Florence Tremain, Edith and Ella Bear.

Bro. Bear became a Christian and united with the Mt. Zion Christian Church, Dec. 18, 1889, where he held his membership until his death. All these years he was faithful and took an active part in the work of the church, doing all he could to advance the cause and Kingdom of Christ. He was a great pillar in the church.

Besides his church affiliations, he was a remarkable man in many other ways and was an honest, reputable, progressive citizen; a kind friend, a good neighbor, devoted to his family and home. He certainly did love his family and neighbors.

Brother Bear became afflicted about 7 years ago. Received treatment, nursed and cared for by the family, gradually growing worse until on the morning of the 18th of March, about 4 o’clock in his late home, he quietly and peacefully passed out without a struggle in his death.

His wife has lost a devoted husband, the children a faithful father, the community a good neighbor and a noble citizen. He also leaves 4 brothers to mourn his loss: Andrew, Absolem, Simeon and David, besides many other relatives and a host of friends, who all have our sympathy and prayers.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the family grave yard on the Sim Bear farm now owned by Carrol Abbet, in the midst of a large congregation of sympathizing friends, after which the body was laid to rest in the cemetery.

-C.M. Sooter

Unknown Publication, April 1919


When he was about two years of age his parents moved from Taney County to Miller County and at the age of eighteen, moved to Maries County, Mo. where he lived about two years, and about the year of 1908, he went to Colorado and stayed with an uncle a short time, then went on to the state of Oregon, and has since made his home in Oregon, California and Washington until the first draft caught him in the World War. He left St. John Washington about Aug. 1917 for Camp Lewis, Washington, then sailed from New York about Dec. 4, 1917, and from July 1918 ‘til Nov. 11, 1918, he was in several of the hardest battles the Americans took part in, and when the signal sounded the armistice, he was still hiding in shell holes.

He wrote home that he came out without a scratch, but his letter revealed the terrible strain he had undergone. On Thanksgiving Day he wrote to his father, that he had so much to be
thankful for and had much to tell him when he got home, and every letter showed that he was anxious to get back to the old United States. It seems so hard to think he was taken from his ship in a delirious condition. He never knew he ever got back to America, but we must admit that everything works together for good to those who love the Lord.

Aug 1908, just before leaving Missouri, while visiting relatives in Miller County, he was happily converted in a meeting conducted by Bro. Sitton at Ulman, and joined the Union Baptist Church of which he was a member at his death.

He leaves a father, one brother, Henry, who is still overseas, one half brother, Spurgeon Watkins, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. He has only gone before and we hope to meet him up there where parting is no more.

Unknown publication, February 1923

Mrs. Sarah E. Percival, sister of F.S. and G.M. Ramsey of this place, died at her home four miles south of Brumley Wednesday, Feb. 7th of heart trouble and other ailments incident to old age.

Mrs. Percival was born and raised in Miller County, being 76 years, 3 months and 17 days old when she died. She is survived by an aged companion (82 years old) four children and four brothers, R.L. Ramsey of near Brumley, J.E. Ramsey of Newton, Kans., G.M. and F.S. Ramsey of Iberia, all of whom were present at her funeral. She became a member of the church in 1892 and lived a consecrated Christian life until her death.

Funeral services were held at the Freedom Church 8 miles west of Brumley and were conducted by James Foster of near Linn Creek, a former student of Iberia Academy.

Unknown Publication, May 1916

Mrs. Mary Wall, after a lingering illness, died at the home of her son, George Wall, May 28. Mrs. Wall (nee Long) better known as Aunt Polly, was born in May 1839 near Iberia on the farm now owned by her son, James. She was united in marriage to Anderson Wall and to this union was born ten children, one having passed to the other shore. She leaves nine children, thirty-nine grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters, three half-brothers and five half-sisters to mourn her death.

She united with the Church of Christ under the preaching of Eld. J.D. Thompson in 1872, remaining a member of that body until death.

Monday, May 29, funeral services were held at the Miles Cemetery where many friends and relatives had gathered to witness the last sad rites at which time the writer spoke a few words of comfort to the bereaved ones after which all that was mortal was laid to rest beside her companion who preceded her some fourteen years before.

In her death her children lose a loving mother, the church a faithful member and the community a true friend.

-R.F. Moneymaker.

Unknown Publication, October 1920

Mrs. (Susan) Millie Morrow, a resident of Iberia, was found dead in bed at her home Sunday morning by her little six year old daughter. The little girl and her mother lived alone. On retiring for the night according to the little girl’s story, her mother stated that she did not feel well, but of course the little child was too young to realize any danger. On awakening in the morning the little girl found her mother cold in death. She gave the alarm to the nearest neighbors who called and lent needed assistance.

The coroner, Dr. Kouns, of Tuscumbia was called and a coroner’s inquest was held Sunday morning the verdict of which was that Mrs. Morrow came to her death from natural causes.
Interment was made in the Brays Cemetery Sunday afternoon. The little girl has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Clark of this place.

Note: A check of death certificate #32100 lists her husband as John Morrow and her parents as Archelous Whittaker and Nancy Crismon. The name “Mae Morrow” was written at the end of this obituary, possibly indicating the name of the child.

Unknown Publication, July 1922

Mort Morrow, aged 79 years, who had been making his home with his daughter at Kirkwood, Mo., died Saturday, July 1st. The body was shipped back to Miller County where he formerly resided and interment made in the Freedom Cemetery last Sunday.

He was a Civil War veteran and is well and favorably known by many of our readers. He was an uncle of Mrs. Geo. W. Mace of this place.

Unknown Publication, Unknown date

Word was received here Sunday evening that Mrs. F.M. Law died that afternoon at her home in Tulsa, Okla. And that burial would take place Monday afternoon. Mrs. Law was formerly Miss Daisy Fancher, a sister of Miss Bertha Fancher and a niece of Mrs. T.J. Marchant of Iberia, with whom she made her home prior to her marriage. She leaves a husband and three children.

Mrs. Law was a trained nurse and for several years prior to her going to Oklahoma was matron of the Orphans Home in St. Louis. For the past few years she has been failing in health. A few weeks ago she made a trip out here on a visit to relatives, hoping at the same time the change in climate may benefit her health.

Unknown Publication, August 1920

On Tuesday Evening at 8:50 o’clock, Mr. Fred P. Haus, who has resided in Iberia for the past six years, passed quietly into rest at his late home. The body was shipped to St. Louis on the midnight train for interment at Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Mr. Haus was born in Mobile, Ala., June 3, 1842 and moved to St. Louis with his parents at an early age. He was graduated from the public schools in St. Louis and was married to Miss Lizzie Ferguson in 1865. For about 45 years Mr. Haus was employed by the Charter Oak Stove & Range Co. in St. Louis the major portion of which time was spent as travelling salesman for that firm. He has been an active and conscientious member of the Gideon organization for twenty-one years, for one year filling the office of State Chaplain.

Mr. Haus retired from the road about five years ago. During the time spent on the road he made many friends who will learn with regret the death of such a beloved character, a man always ready and willing to do for his God which in his sight seemed the right thing to do.

The body was accompanied to St. Louis by his widow, his sons, Charles and Harry, and his daughters, Maggie Long and Belle Goodrich. Another son, William J., who resides in Utah, was unable to get here in time for the funeral.

Besides these children there were also three others, Fred P. Jr., Richard M. and Harry McCook, who died some years ago and who are buried in the family lot in Bellefontaine.

The Montrose Tidings, June 1933

Thomas E. Arnold was born in Iberia, Miller County, Mo., on February 16, 1868, and departed this life on June 29, 1933, age 65 years, 4 months and 13 days. Interment was in the Montrose Cemetery.

He was united in marriage to Millie Ann Ragsdale, August 5, 1888. This union was blessed with seven children, six of whom survive and join the loving wife and mother in mourning the passing of this dear one. Those surviving are Mrs. Millie Arnold, the widow, Mrs. R.A. Ring, Kansas City, Kans., A.F. Arnold, Los Angeles, Calif., W.L. Arnold, Kansas City,

Funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. C.E. Nickerson, Sunday, July 2, at 10 a.m. A beautiful service was read preceded by vocal selections rendered by Mrs. John Lasiter, Mrs. J.D. Teays, Billy Kahn, Hubert Miller and Rolla Adams. Following the services a host of friends and relatives formed a long cortege which proceeded to the Montrose Cemetery for interment. The host of friends attending the services and the beautiful floral offerings exemplified the esteem prevailing in the community and surrounding towns.

Mr. Arnold moved to Henry County 43 years ago, settling 2 miles southeast of Montrose, and engaged in farming for 3 years. The family then moved to Montrose, locating in the northwest part of town, remaining at this residence 4 ½ years. He was engaged in farming and draying. The family then moved to the present home and became engaged in the grist and saw mill business which was conducted by the deceased and his father for a few short years.

In 1903 Mr. Arnold received the appointment as rural carrier on Route No. 34, later changed to Route No. 5, which he served for 30 years. Reaching the age limit of 65 years on February 16, 1933, and having completed 30 years of service, he was retired from service on February 28, this year.

Mr. Arnold was a past president of the County Association of Rural Letter Carriers, in which organization he kept his membership until his death. He also had been clerk of the Modern Woodmen of America for the past 25 years.

Tom Arnold was converted and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church about 10 years ago and received much solace from his associations with the church.

Having completed so many years of faithful service, he was truly entitled to a long vacation which his retirement had made possible. Soon after his tour of duty was completed, his health failed and although feeling badly, he was not considered dangerously ill. Wednesday, June 28, he was taken suddenly and critically ill. Up until this time he had been able to dress and be up almost every day. He grew steadily worse from Wednesday morning and Thursday the children were notified of the impending danger of his passing on. All of the children, with the exception of A.F. Arnold of Los Angeles, and Mrs. A.W. Jennings of Kansas City, were at his bedside when he passed away. Having prepared himself for the end he passed out of this life to a life where trials and troubles are unknown.

Mr. Arnold was very devout in everything he was associated with and his passing is mourned by all who had occasion to be associated with him. Five rural carriers and the Postmaster of Montrose acted as Pallbearers.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1933

John Kinder, one of Miller County’s well known and influential citizens, died at the home of his son, Earl, here in Iberia, Monday of this week of anemia following asthma of which he has been a sufferer for the past five or six years.

Mr. Kinder was born in Miller County on the old Goodrich farm October 1, 1864, being at the time of his death 69 years, one month and 19 days old.

He devoted most of his life to farming, excepting one year in which he was engaged in the mercantile business, four years as sheriff of Miller County, and the past five or six years he has been in declining health.

About the year 1885 he was married to Miss Luella Blyze and to this union nine children were born, namely: William, Charley, Earl, Ray, Ralph, Jobe, Mrs. Sadie Condra, Mrs. Minnie McDonald and Mrs. Blanche Condra, all of whom survive except William who died about the year 1915. Mrs. Kinder died in 1916.
About forty years ago Mr. Kinder united with the Christian (Newlight) Church where he held his membership until about fifteen years ago, when he became a member of the Iberia Baptist Church where he retained his membership until his death.

Funeral services, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Fred Phillips, were held from the Iberia Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o’clock, after which the body was laid to rest beside his wife in the town cemetery. Adams & Casey funeral directors had charge. The Sentinel joins in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved ones.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1933

Jane Short was born in Miller County, Missouri, February 5, 1856, died at Richland, Mo., July 29, 1933, aged 77 years, 5 months and 24 days. On May 12, 1889 she was united in marriage with Dr. H.C. Murphy who survives after more than 44 years of constant companionship.

Mrs. Murphy was a citizen of Richland for several years before her marriage, thus having been a continuous resident of Richland for nearly half century. Before coming to Richland, she joined the Christian Church at Iberia and after the discontinuance of the church at that place she united with the M.E. Church, of which she was a member at the time of her death.

She spent almost her whole married life within her home, to which she was unusually devoted, having the reputation of maintaining one of the most orderly homes in the community and outstanding in the culinary art. She was fond of flowers, and always remembered the sick and shut-ins with beautiful bouquets. Seldom was a funeral conducted in Richland without a beautiful floral offering of her own production and arrangement.

Mrs. Murphy will be missed by many who did small favors for her and received abundant recompense—nearly always above the customary wage. She lived beyond her allotted 3 score and 10 years, fulfilled her earthly destiny and has been gathered to her reward, but she will be long remembered here on account of her many kindly and charitable deeds.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Wells, minister of the M.E. Church at Richland, were held in the Richland Christian Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o’clock. The body was then conveyed to the ___ cemetery where the last rites were solemnly performed by members of the Eastern Star Lodge, of which she was a member.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1933

Eldon, Mo., May 23—Discovery of the body of C.T. Babcoke, 521, missing since March 26, in a shallow grave on his 140-acre farm near here today led authorities to believe they have uncovered a “murder victim”. Babcoke had been killed with a shotgun.

Two other men have disappeared from the farm and Babcoke’s father, Joe Babcoke, died there mysteriously in 1930. Three men who worked the farm on a share basis with the man whose body was found today were arrested and authorities planned a thorough search of the place in the hope of finding bodies of the missing men.

Those held are George C. Thompson, 70, Oliver Richardson, 21, and his brother, Frank Richardson 17, all from Kansas City, Kan. They were taken to the Miller County jail at Tuscumbia.

A party of neighbors led by Asa Gunn discovered Babcoke’s body today only six inches beneath the surface of the ground about 100 yards to the rear of a barn. Condition of the body indicated it had been dead two months but the earth above it appeared to have been turned since a rain two days ago.

The search today resulted indirectly from a lawsuit filed by the estranged wife of the slain man. She sued Thompson last week for 17 head of cattle in his possession.

Authorities said they discovered a watch and some clothing in his possession which they believed had belonged to Babcoke.
The father was found dead on the farm in August 1930, and was buried without an autopsy. Shortly before his death, George Babcoke, 17, a half brother of the man found today, disappeared. A note saying he would return “after 50 years” was found. Jim Butler a stepfather of the Richardson boy disappeared from the place last January authorities recalled.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1933

Avery Baucom of Eldon was killed in a fall from the middle pier of the bridge under construction at Tuscumbia, Monday morning about 7 o’clock. Baucom had just been employed as a steel worker and had worked only about one half hour when he lost his balance while at work on the high middle pier and plunged downward. His body struck the steel piling which had not been removed after the completion of the concrete pier and he was almost instantly killed.

Workmen who were working nearby stated that when Baucom apparently lost his balance he tried to jump clear of the construction work so that he would alight in the water but he hit a brace which threw him back causing him to light on the piling. The fall was from a height of about 62 feet. After hitting the piling he fell into the water and fellow workmen rescued him before he sank. His right side hit the piling and crushed his lungs badly. Dr. Kouns was immediately called but Baucom died within a few minutes without regaining consciousness.

Baucom leaves surviving him a widow and two small children.

The Iberia Sentinel, August 1933

Mrs. Amanda Elizabeth Durham, wife of Ed Durham of Ulman, died at her home in Ulman Friday, August 25 of heart trouble following several months of illness. She was born July 7, 1862, being at the time of her death 71 years, 1 month and 18 days old.

She is survived by her husband and daughter, Grace, who were at her bedside when the end came.

A brief funeral service, according to her request, including the singing of two of her favorite hymns, “Have Thine Own Way” and the “Old Rugged Cross”, conducted by Mr. C.L. Casey, funeral director of Iberia, was held at the Gott Cemetery Sunday afternoon at two o’clock after which interment was made there.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham made their home in Iberia for many years prior to their moving to Ulman about ten years ago. She had a host of friends here who join in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved.

The Iberia Sentinel, May 1933

John Luttrell was born in Miller County May 8, 1873; died at his home in Springfield, May 13, 1933, aged 60 years and 5 days. He was united in marriage to Nancy Duncan about 37 years ago, and to this union four children were born. Two of the children and his companion preceded him in death. Later he was married to Mrs. Faye Roberts of Springfield. He is survived by his second wife; daughters, Mrs. Burley of Springfield and Mrs. Mary Woodfill of Republic, Mo., also three grandchildren. Out of a large family he had only two brothers, B.D. Luttrell and William Luttrell, both of near Brumley; sisters, Mrs. Jane Duncan of near Brumley, Mo. and Mrs. Fannie Pemberton of Crescent, Mo.

He spent most of his life on the farm; about fifteen years ago he engaged in the mercantile business, beginning at Brumley, Mo. Later he moved to Republic and entered the grocery business where he remained for several years. Later he and his son moved to Springfield, where he conducted a grocery store until his death.

He obeyed the Gospel of his Savior about 20 years ago. Through this act of obedience he became a member of the family of God.

He was sick only a few hours, having suffered an epileptic stroke one evening and died the next morning. This is only a warning to mankind that we are swift passengers from time to eternity.
Brother Luttrell’s fleshy tabernacle was brought back to Miller County near where he was born. The writer was called to speak words of comfort to the sorrowing relatives and many friends, after which the body was laid to rest in the silent city of the dead to await the judgment, at Mt. Union, where he held membership with the Church of Christ. So let us all prepare for that better place, where we can again meet and clasp the hands of brother Luttrell. –V.M. Smith

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1933

Mrs. Alice Skaggs, who was found lying prostrate upon the floor here at her home in Iberia, Sunday evening, July 16, having evidently suffered a paralytic stroke, failed to rally from the unconscious state in which she was found and passed away Friday afternoon (July 20, 1933).

Mrs. Skaggs was the widow of the late J.D. Skaggs, who met a tragic death a few years ago while operating the Iberia flour mill which he owned at the time and still owned by the widow at her death. Since the death of her husband, she has lived alone most of the time with the exception of a few months occasionally when she stayed in the home of her son, Bennett.

At the time of her passing she was 74 years, 4 months and 1 day old, having been born March 20, 1859. On March 23, 1882 she was united in marriage to Jefferson Davis Skaggs and to this union four children were born, Carac, Pearl, Olive and Bennett, Bennett being the only surviving child. She is also survived by one granddaughter, Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Bennett Skaggs of Eldorado Springs, Missouri. Besides her son and granddaughter, she leaves one sister, Mrs. Gusta Jones of Belle, Mo., and other relatives to mourn her death.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Miles Bowden of Hancock, Mo. were held at the Iberia Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock in the presence of a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, after which burial was made under direction of G.W. Adams, funeral director.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, July 23, 2008

Clarence S. “Sam” Sherrell, age 73, of New Bloomfield, formerly of Meta, died Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at his home. He was born in Meta on April 25, 1935, son of Clarence Olaf and Jewell Marie (Helton) Sherrell. On December 8, 1973, in Jefferson City, he was married to Mildred Gayle Vaughan, who survives at the home.

He had worked on the Alaskan pipeline and was a member of the Iron Workers Union #396 for 35 years. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge 326 in Linn. He was a past president of the Meta Southside Cemetery Association. He was an avid Cardinal fan and enjoyed working on his farm and with his dogs.

Other survivors include two sons, Steven Sherrell of Meta and Alan Sherrell and wife Doreene of New Bloomfield; two stepchildren, Michael James Gibler and wife Donna of Jefferson City and Lori Davis and husband Danny Guy of New Bloomfield; one brother, Ronald Sherrell and wife Sarah of Jefferson City; ten grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark Sherrell; one stepson, Robert Gibler Sherrell; and one brother, Darrell Sherrell.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, July 25, at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. A Masonic Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. with a Memorial Service to follow. Rev. Bob Hamm will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to Meta Southside Cemetery.

Bob G. Kerr, age 61, of Eldon, died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at University Hospital and Clinics. He was born in Gideon on January 11, 1947, a son of the late Merle and Elsie (Patterson) Kerr. On May 13, 1964, in Hermann, he was married to Betty D. Williams, who survives at the home.

Bob enjoyed fishing, hunting and farming and loved spending time with his grandkids. He was a member of the Blue Springs Baptist Church.

Others who survive him include: two children, Michael R. Kerr and wife Lynda and Lisa K. Shockley all of Eldon; five grandchildren, Courtney and Danielle Humphrey both of Eldon,
Kaitlin and Gabrielle Humphrey both of Centralia and Corey Kerr of Eldon; one great grandchild, Nevaeh Dieckman of Eldon; four brothers, Charles Kerr of Jefferson City and Delbert, Jerry and Kenneth Kerr all of Russellville and two sisters, Betty Bond and Shirley Crawford both of Alabama. One sister, Brenda Sheehorn, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Interment will be in Dooley Cemetery near Eldon. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday, July 27, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

A telegram reached relatives here Monday informing them of the death of Miss Georgia Walker, seventeen year old daughter of Mrs. Sally Walker Stuntz of Las Animas, Colorado. Miss Walker had been in poor health for some time. According to the telegram she died Sunday evening in a hospital in Rocky Ford, Colo., where she had been taken to undergo an operation. Interment was made in the cemetery at that place by the side of her father who died there three years ago.

Mrs. Stuntz, mother of the deceased daughter, is a sister of Mrs. W.A. von Gremp and Mr. Victor Johnston of this place. She was born and raised in Iberia and resided here and at Dixon for several years after her marriage to her first husband, Dr. R.F. Walker. Later they moved to Rocky Ford, Colo. for the benefit of Mr. Walker’s health. As stated above, he had died three years ago. About two years later she married Rev. G.H. Stuntz, pastor of a Methodist Church in Rocky Ford at the time. They now reside in Las Animas.

The relatives and friends here extend to the bereaved family their deepest sympathy.

Unknown Publication, March 1924

Icy Mae Forester, the 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Forester, was born Oct. 3, 1908; died March 26, 1924, being 15 years, 5 months and 23 days old.

She leaves to mourn her departure a loving father, mother and three brothers, namely: Roy, Ray and Earl, besides a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends. Icy was a good girl and was loved by all who knew her. She will be sadly missed in her school but most of all, in the home. She was good and kind to all, inoffensive and devoted to her father, mother and brothers.

The remains were taken to the Livingston Cemetery, where many had gathered to pay their last tribute of love and respect to the departed one. The services at the grave consisted of a beautiful prayer by Mrs. M.C. Hicks and four appropriate and favorite songs were sung by her schoolmates and friends, namely: “Near My God to Thee”, “Jesus Lover of My Soul”, “Rock of Ages”, and “Lord I’m Coming Home.” Beautiful flowers were laid on her casket. One bouquet was presented to her by her teacher and schoolmates.

She was laid to rest in the Livingston Cemetery.

Written by a loving friend, Irene Bond.

Unknown Publication, July 1924

Glen Beaty, about 35 years of age, who lived with his mother, Mrs. Davidson, at Glenview, their home on the Gasconade River south of Crocker, was killed Wednesday night of last week when he fell from a 70 foot bluff within 200 yards of his home.

Mr. Beaty and Willie Wooster, who stays at the Ragain Roam home across the river, had been fishing that night and between 9 and 10 o’clock he started home alone without a light they having dropped their lantern in the river. As he did not reach home his mother became alarmed and the next morning went to a neighbor’s home to make inquiry.

Search was immediately started and his body was found at 10 o’clock last Thursday morning at the foot of the bluff where he had evidently fallen when he missed the trail in the dark. His path was traced and showed plainly that he had taken the wrong turn with fatal results. He
fell through a tree and his right hip was crushed and his head injured. After the coroner’s inquest, which returned a verdict of cause of death unknown, the body was taken to Richland where it was prepared for burial and shipped to St. Louis, his former home, for burial.

Mrs. Davidson and her son had planned to make their permanent home in Glenview, which they had built and improved, and the tragic death of the son is a sad blow to the widowed mother. Both were well liked by their neighbors.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1924

Frank Burks of this place was called to St. Louis last Saturday on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Alma Runge, age 42 years, who died in the City Hospital, Thursday, following an operation which she underwent on Saturday before. Mrs. Runge had been in poor health for some time. Interment was made in St. Peter’s Cemetery in St. Louis Sunday.

The deceased is survived by husband and three children—two sons and one daughter, aged 17, 15 and 5 years respectively. She is also survived by two brothers and one sister—Frank Burks of Iberia, Taylor Burks of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Clarence Madden.

The Sentinel joins in extending condolence to the bereaved.

Unknown Publication, January 1919

Brother Perry Burks, son of Bro. Hastin and Agnes Burks, was born October 6, 1894; died Jan. 26, 1919, age 26 years, 3 months and 20 days.

He was united in marriage to Elsie McDonald, March 9, 1913, and to this union were born three children—two boys and one girl. Bro Burks united with the Humphrey’s Creek Christian Church in Oct. 1912, and lived in fellowship and communion with said church until God called him from labor to reward. He leaves to mourn their loss, wife, children, father, mother, brothers, sisters, many distant relatives and a host of friends.

Perry was an affectionate husband, a devoted father, obedient son and an ideal brother. He made friends with all whom he met because of his honesty, industry and befriending disposition. He was loved and well respected by all who knew him. He lost his health and for two years he was a patient sufferer until death came to his relief, and he was severed from all that was dear to him in this earthly realm.

The funeral services were held and conducted in the Mt. Zion Church by the writer, in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends who had assembled there to pay their last respects to one so worthy. The body was laid to rest in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. We pray that the relatives and all concerned may have the Spirit of God to comfort them. –Rev. C.M. Sooter

Unknown Publication, October 1918

Mrs. Caroline Burks – Sister Burks was born Aug 11, 1845; died Oct 2, 1918, age 73 years, 1 month and 21 days. She was married to John R. Burks Feb. 13, 1868, and to this union were born four children—two dead and two living, Mrs. R.M. Livingston and Samuel I. Burks.

Sister Burks was converted at the age of 18 years, united with the Methodist Church. All these 55 years she lived faithfully to the Lord, living in communion and fellowship with said church.

The deceased leaves besides relatives many friends to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, at the Livingston Cemetery, in the midst of quite a number of sorrowing relatives and friends. The body was laid to rest in the burying ground above mentioned. –Rev. C.M. Sooter

Unknown Publication, February 1918

Joel B. Blankenship was born July 20, 1850, in Russell Co. Kentucky. He was united in marriage to Mary J. Shockley Jan. 15, 1874. To this union were born nine children, four of them having preceded him to the spirit world. He leaves to mourn their loss an aged companion, five
children, twenty grandchildren, one brother, besides a host of other relatives and friends. Uncle Joe, as he was commonly called, departed this life Feb 20, being at the time of his death 67 years and 7 months old. Uncle Joe was honorable and well respected by all who knew him. He was devoted to his family and home, but when we call to mind the statement of Jobe, “Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble,” we are made to realize the truth of the statement.

Uncle Joe had the care of an afflicted son for the past eight years. His wife told me that during the eight years they never knew what it was to lie down and sleep all night. On the 3rd of last November Uncle Joe was thrown from a horse which resulted in a broken limb besides other injuries. Since that time he has been confined to his bed almost all the time and just as he began to think he could be up he was taken seriously ill with pneumonia which resulted in his death. He endured his suffering very patiently and without a murmur.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer from the Baptist Church at Hickory Point Feb. 22 in the midst of a large and sorrowing audience, after which all that was mortal of Uncle Joe was laid to rest In the Hickory Point Cemetery. May God bless the sorrowing ones. I assure you, you have our sympathy and prayers. We trust their loss has been his eternal gain in heaven where all is love, peace and Joy.

Rekus Funeral Home, Web Site, July 25, 2008

Barbara A. (Thomas) Handel, age 66, of Eldon, died Friday, July 25, 2008, at her home. She was born in Okemah, Oklahoma on July 31, 1941, a daughter of the late Jack Thomas and Mary (Atkins) Bosco.


A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, at First Baptist Church in Eldon. Rev. Daniel Popovich will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the ALS Association – Fighting Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

Jean Earp, age 82, of Iberia, died Friday, July 25, 2008, at her home. She was born in Brumley on February 23, 1926, a daughter of the late Andrew and Frances (Duncan) Brumley. On January 5, 1946, in Iberia, she was married to George Earp, who survives at the home. Jean was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of Iberia.

Others who survive her include: one daughter, Judy Farnham and husband Larry of Iberia; five grandchildren, Scott Farnham and wife Robin of Georgetown, Kentucky, Stephanie Cline and husband Tony of Iberia, Alicia Earp Glazner and husband Mark of Houston, Texas, Jennifer Vigeon and husband Justin of Silsbee, Texas and Kelly Earp King of Lumberton, Texas; ten great grandchildren, Alexis, Ciara, Taner Grace, Harmony and Zachary Cline, Stephen Mazzoni, Beau and Jake Barnett, Kingston Vigeon and Wyatt Glazner; one sister, Zola Hock of Belton and two brothers, Junior Brumley of Eldon and Jimmie Joe Brumley of Lawrence, Kansas. One son, Stephen Earp preceded her in death in 1987. Three brothers, Dale, Dennis and Gail Brumley and two sisters, Ima Schulz and Shirley Wyrick, also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, at the First Christian Church of Iberia. Rev. Stan Way will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, July 28, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.
Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Christian Church or Iberia Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram, February 1925

Walter Hays, age 56, died Monday afternoon, February 9, at his home in Iberia following about nine weeks of serious illness. He had been suffering from a stomach ailment for some time and was taken to St. John’s Hospital in St. Louis where he underwent a surgical operation December 17th. After remaining in the hospital for several weeks, with but very little noticeable improvement, he was brought home, his condition gradually growing worse until his death.

He is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. Orville Ulman of Hawkeye, Ethel, Edyth, Jessie and Clarence, all of whom are single and at home. He has two children dead. He also has two brothers and one sister living—Porter Hays of Missoula, Montana, Herbert Hays of Burbank, Calif., and Mrs. Samuel Johnson of Chicago, Ill. His father died several years ago, and his mother preceded him in death something over three months, her death occurring on the 2nd of last November.

Mr. Hays and his family lived on a farm near Hawkeye for many years prior to their moving to Iberia. He was a good citizen and a Christian gentleman, always active in church work and all affairs that led to the betterment of his community. He was a member of the Methodist Church at Hawkeye.

Brief services conducted by Rev. Wm. A. Roberts of the Congregational Church, were held from the home Tuesday noon. The body was conveyed to the Concord Cemetery near Hawkeye, Tuesday afternoon where funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. Smutz, pastor of the Iberia and Hawkeye Methodist Churches.

The Iberia Sentinel, Date unknown

Our town was saddened Thursday afternoon by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Geo. P. Swanson after an operation in St. Anthony Hospital in St. Louis, on Tuesday morning for stomach trouble and other complications. She seemed to stand the operation well and was thought to be getting along nicely, but pneumonia developed and she only lived a few hours. Her husband and son, Hannis, were at her bedside when the end came.

Mrs. Swanson leaves to mourn the loss, her husband, six children—Gardie, Mrs. L.E. Kallenbach, Eliza and Clarice of this place, Opie of Okmulgee, Okla., Hannis of Jefferson City, a stepdaughter, Mrs. W.A. Burd of route 1, an aged sister, Mrs. Jane Wright of Eugene, and a brother, John A. Melton of Carrolton, Mo., and numerous other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Swanson spent her entire life in and near Tuscumbia, became a member of the Christian Church when a child and has been a faithful and zealous worker since the organization of the church here in 1889. It can well be said of her, “Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies.”

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon by Elder W.M. Mundell of Carrolton, Mo., assisted by Elder J.R. O’Heeron of Eldon. Those from out of the community who attended the funeral were D.F. Tomson of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. John Melton of Carrolton, and John Adcock and family, Miss Alene Kallenbach, Mesdames W.S. Spearman, W.M. Harrison and Ed Litsey of Eldon.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, July 24, 2008

Pauline Hudson Gum, 92, of Springfield died Monday July 21, 2008, at St. John’s Hospital there. She was a daughter of Harvey LaMont “Monty” and Margaret Crum Roberts of Iberia. She was married to Luther Gum, who preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday at Greenlawn Funeral Home South, 441 Battlefield, Springfield, with the Rev. Hubert Lines officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Eldon Cemetery with the Rev. Shirley Williams officiating.
Marion F. Long, 96, of Hays, Kan., formerly of New Almelo, Kan., died Thursday, July 17, 2008. He was born July 2, 1912, in Norton County, Kansas, to Adolf and Ollie Pool Long. Mr. Long was a farmer.


Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo, Kan. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, Kan.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Saturday, July 26, 2008

Emma Fay Ramsey, 66, Dixon, died Thursday, July 24, 2008, in Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Rolla. She was born June 14, 1942, a daughter of Elbert Chesley and Emma May (Ponder) Martin who preceded her in death.

Survivors include: three brothers, Morris Martin, Phillip Martin and Jerry Martin; and three sisters, Florence Roberts, Deloris Goode and Mary Sue Vinson.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 28, 2008, in the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 2008, in the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes.

Clem O. Bungart, 82, of Eldon died Thursday, July 24, 2008, at ST. Mary’s Health Care in Jefferson City.

He is survived by his wife, Alice E. Bungart of the home; four sons, Danny Bungart, Bill Bungart, Charles Bungart, and Dale Bungart; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers; and eight sisters.

Mass of Christian burial with full military honors will be on Saturday, July 26, 2008, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon. Arrangements are under the direction of Phlips Funeral Home, Eldon.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1916

Esther E. Landers (nee Williams) was born February 25, 1853, died March 9, 1916 at her home one and one-half miles southwest of Iberia.

She was widely known to the people of Richwoods Township as a devoted wife and was ever ready to aid the sick and afflicted. She was beloved by all who knew her, both white and colored, and was always glad to extend a helping hand to all. Never was there anyone turned away from her door.

The home of Jacob and Esther was a place where neighbors loved to go. The white people as well as the colored were always welcomed.

Mr. Landers is left alone in his declining years. It will be lonesome for him now since his companion has been called home to rest. He has the consolation to know that some day he will again meet Esther and other dear ones who have been called to their reward.

Unknown Publication, February 1924

Little Orval Thomas, oldest son of Calvin Thomas, departed from this world of suffering and entered into eternal rest. Orval was born Dec. 8, 1910, at Iberia, Mo., and died Feb. 5, 1924, at Deepwater, Mo.
Orval had been a sufferer for seven months and expressed his desire to be at rest. All that loving hands and skillful physicians could do was of no avail. His mother preceded him to that heavenly home when he was but five years old, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Thomas, took him and his brother, Wayne, to raise.

Orval was thirteen years old at the time of his death. Besides his grandparents, he leaves a father and several aunts, Mrs. Gussie Ressenger, Gertrude Westlake, Electa Bohur, Virginia Antle, Sallie, Clara, Stella, Nella and Artie Shackleford, and four uncles, Melvin Thomas and James Houston and Lester Shackleford, to mourn his departure. Mr. Dan Bonhur, Melvin, Gertrude, Virginia and his father were all at his bedside when he passed away.

The funeral services were held at the Christian Church conducted by Bro. Ashley. Interment was in the K.P. Cemetery. Pall bearers were boys—Marion Edwards, Jesse Heard, Leonard Botts, George and Ralph Reader and Herald Straw. –by Grandmother Thomas

Unknown Publication, October 1923

Thomas Walker Mace was born Dec. 10, 1842, in Saline County, Ill., died Oct 29, 1923 near Iberia, Mo., age 80 years 10 months and 19 days. He as married to Miss J. Ann Tate Nov. 1, 1860, and to this union were born 11 children, two boys and one girl preceded him in death. Those living are Geo. A. Mace, Wm. T. Mace, Mrs. Louisa Groff, Mrs. Mary Arnold, Mrs. Josie Heltzell, Mrs. Lillie Farnham, Mrs. Cora Benage, Mrs. Ollie Musick.

He came to Missouri in 1881, the fall of the same year he bought and moved onto the farm where he died, living there continuously for 42 years.

He professed religion and joined the Baptist Church at Long Branch, Saline County, Ill., 1861. He and wife were baptized the same day. Coming to Missouri, Bro. and Sister Mace brought their church letters and united with the Baptist Church at Iberia where he remained faithful until death.

He leaves his wife, 8 children, 29 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, one brother, Dr. Geo. R. Mace and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Thomas Mace was a man known far and near for his integrity and uprightness. His loyalty to Christ and his church was great and beautiful. He was a worthy father, good citizen, helpful neighbor, above all never forgetting his Lord and Master. His consistent faithful life was a benediction to his friends.

The funeral was preached at the Baptist Church in Iberia, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. by Eld. R. P. C____, Lebanon, Mo., using as a text Rev. 14, 15, after which the body was laid to rest in the city cemetery.

Unknown Publication, November 1929

Mrs. Otto Rowden of the Fairview neighborhood north of Iberia passed away at her home on Thursday of last week following a period of several weeks illness.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. J.A. McNatt of Iberia, were held at Brays Friday afternoon, Nov. 22, and burial in the cemetery at that place.

Alma Kesterson Rowden was born May 3, 1896; died Nov. 21, 1929, age 33 years, 6 months and 18 days. She was married to Otto Rowden Oct. 12, 1919. To this union six children were born. Three died in infancy, three living—Verenia May, Ruby Mary and Selma Edna.

Besides the three children she is survived by her husband, aged father and mother, three sisters and one brother. One sister and one brother passed on before. Those living are Jim Kesterson of Jefferson City, Mrs. Nora Patterson of Ulman, Mrs. Kate Hodge of St. Anthony, Mrs. Lola Birdsong of Tuscumbia.

The deceased was a loving mother, a faithful wife and a good neighbor. She made a confession early in life, at the age of 14. However God saw fit to call her home. Her loss is Heaven’s gain. She said the only relief she got was when God heard and answered prayer and she wasn’t afraid to go.
Iberia Sentinel, March 1930

Stanley Jones, age 23 years and married, son of Nathan Jones, formerly of Iberia but now of Granite City, Ill., died at St. Mary’s Hospital in St. Louis last Friday morning from injuries sustained in auto accident the evening before, when his car skidded into a furniture van on Highway 66 this side of St. Louis. His brother Cletus and Arthur Meyer, the other two occupants of the car, were slightly injured and after receiving treatment at the hospital were able to return home. Stanley, the unfortunate victim of the accident, was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Pilkington of near Iberia and a nephew of John F. Jones and Mrs. F.G. Bond also of this place.

Last Saturday’s edition of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat gives the following account of the fatal accident:

Stanley Jones, 23, Granite City, died at St. Mary’s Hospital early yesterday from injuries received the night before when his auto skidded into a furniture van on Highway No. 66 near Pond, Mo., in St. Louis County. Jones suffered internal injuries and a fractured skull. His brother, Cletus, 17, and Arthur Meyer, 23, Granite City, another passenger, escaped with minor injuries and after treatment at St. Mary’s went to their homes.

The slippery pavement caused Jones’ auto to skid when he applied his brakes as the van approached. Herbert Garner, Calico Rock, Ark., driver of the van, was ordered to appear at the Coroner’s inquest today.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1930

Mrs. Thomas J. Hensley (Arvazena), age 76, died Monday night of this week of heart trouble of which she had been ailing for the past few years. She was making her home with her son, Milton on the old Hensley homestead, north of the Fairview community at the time of her death. Her husband died seven or eight years ago.

She is survived by six children, five sons and one daughter—Milton of Iberia, Willie, Arthur and Harvey of Granite City, Ill., Johnnie of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. J.E. Blankenship of Iberia.

At the time we go to press (Wednesday) funeral services are being held at the Hensley home and interment will be made in the Jarrett Cemetery near Fairview, under direction of Adams & Casey, local funeral directors.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1930

Samuel Ira Burks, age 56, died at his home 6 miles northwest of Iberia, Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. following a long illness. He had been a sufferer of diabetes for the past few years, however his condition did not give occasion for immediate alarm until just a short time before his death. He suffered a heart attack sometime during the day from which he did not rally.

Mr. Burks was one of our best and most widely known citizens, being of a cheerful disposition and a friend indeed to his many acquaintances and associates.

Funeral service, conducted by Rev. Chas. M. Sooter, was held at 10 o’clock Saturday morning in the Fairview Christian Church of which he was a member. Interment was at Livingston Cemetery under direction of Adams Casey, local funeral directors.

Mr. Burks is survived by his wife and six children, namely: Virgil, Mrs. Lottie Irwin, Sammy, Victor, Johnny and Dotsie. The Sentinel joins in extending to the bereaved, heartfelt sympathy.

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Ellora Oleva Eads was born Dec. 17, 1889, and departed this life Thursday morning, March 1st, 1928, at the age of 38 years, two months and 14 days. She was married to Chester Groff, of Iberia, Nov. 5, 1911. To this union four children were born. One died in infancy.
Those living are Oleva, Virginia and Anna Ruth. Besides her children she leaves a husband, two brothers, Alpha and George Eads, Iberia; two sisters, Mrs. Stella Robinson and Mrs. Myrtle Hall of Springfield, Mo.; also one half sister, Mrs. Erma Bade of Union, Mo., and a half brother, Herbert Eads of Vienna, Mo., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Iberia Nazarene Church Friday afternoon, of which she was a charter member, after which interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery.

While the hearts of husband, children, brothers and sisters, with other relatives and friends are feeling the loss of this dear one most keenly, yet they rejoice because of the triumphant close of her earthly career. Having suffered untold weakness and pain for so many days she always manifested perfect patience and resignation to the will of God whom she served with her whole heart.

-Rev. J.S. McNatt

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1928

Myrta Humphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphrey of near Brays, passed away at the hospital in Springfield Monday at noon. Her father, mother and three children here were notified that she was not expected to live through the day, Monday, and they immediately started to see her, making the trip in a car, but did not arrive at the hospital until after she died. Her husband was with her throughout her stay in the hospital and at her death.

Mrs. Eiffert was born Jan 16, 1898, died March 12, 1928 being 30 years, 1 month and 26 days old.

April 16, 1917, Myrta was married to Wm. Eiffert. To this union three children were born, namely, Carl age 7, Genevieve 6 and Margie 5. She was a faithful mother, and a very devoted wife. Besides father, mother, husband and children, she leaves five brothers and four sisters. They are: Manley Humphrey of Meta, Ray of Iberia, Alley of St. Louis, Woodrow and Herald at home, Mrs. Edna Whitaker of near Brays, Erie, Katie and Lillie of St. Louis. She also leaves an aged grandfather in person of Mart Humphrey. The deceased had been a member of the Christian Advent Church since she grew to womanhood and was a faithful active member.

Her body was shipped to Crocker where undertakers Adams and Casey conveyed it in their hearse to the Union Cemetery, which is in sight of her home, where funeral services were conducted by Evang. Wm. Freeman Jones in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends after which burial was made.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1928

John N. Birdsong was born in Granger County, Tenn., Sept. 13, 1839; died March 23, 1928, being 88 years, 6 months and five days old. He came to Miller County in January, in 1846, and resided here until his death. He enlisted in the Mo. Militia under Capt Sales Brown’s Co. C. August 10, 1864, having an actual service record of 199 days. He then enrolled in Capt. John B. Saleman’s Company, Miller County Vol. from April 13, 1865 to July 13, 1865, serving 97 days.

He leaves to mourn his departure a number of nephews and other relatives. He was a member of a pioneer family all of whom have passed away.

The deceased was a social member of the Modern Woodmen of America. On March 24, the body was conveyed to Ulman where funeral services were held from the Christian Church in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. Bro. Graves read the obituary and offered prayer and the writer commented on the 13th verse of the 14th chapter of Revelations, speaking of the joys of Heavenly world.

After the service at the church, Rev. Graves conducted the services at the Gott cemetery where the body awaits the resurrection. “Uncle John”, as he was affectionately called, was a good man. Some 39 years ago he was converted, baptized and received into the church under the labors of the writer, and seemed to live a Christian life until his death. He was a good neighbor,
kind and tender hearted and lived to a ripe old age. He is gone and will be sadly missed in the church and community. —Rev. Wm. M. Sooter

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1928

Arthur Claude Kinworthy, the son of Riley and Della Kinworthy was born in Miller County, Mo. January 1, 1912 and departed this life Apr. 14 at his home in Granite City, Ill. after an illness of very short duration, being at the time of his death age at 16 years, 3 months and 14 days. He will be sadly missed by his many relatives and friends. He had been a regular attendant in the young people’s Sunday school class of Bethel Chapel for nearly two years.

He leaves to mourn their loss his parents, one brother, Orville, two sisters, Mildred and Mrs. Enid Shelton, and three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKee of Miller County, Mo., and Mrs. Jane Kinworthy of Granite City, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

The body was shipped back to Miller County and interment was made in the Dake Cemetery a few miles northeast of Iberia. Rev. J.A. McNatt of Iberia conducted the funeral services Monday afternoon.

Unknown Publication August 1916

Our little city and entire community was shocked at the sudden death of Mrs. John Kinder last Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Kinder and two daughters, Minnie and Blanche, were coming to Iberia in a two seated hack and had reached Mrs. Etta Martin’s place when the awful tragedy occurred. At this point they turned into a bystreet where the road, after crossing a ditch, makes a sharp ascent. Mr. Kinder had just started up this incline in the street when the rear seat in which Mrs. Kinder and the two girls were seated, upset, throwing them out over the rear end of the vehicle. Mrs. Kinder was killed instantly but the girls were not injured save only a few minor bruises.

The body was carried across the street to Everett Atwell’s front yard where many sympathizing friends gathered to view the remains and extend a word of sympathy to the bereaved family, after which she was taken to her home just west of town.

Mrs. Kinder, a daughter of James Blyze, was born Dec. 16, 1870, died August 19, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Kinder were married about 30 years ago and to this union nine children were born, William (deceased), Earl, now in Minnesota; Ralph, in North Dakota; Ray, Charley, Jobe, Sadie, Minnie and Blanche all of Iberia. She has two sisters living, one Mrs. Chas. Slawson of Iberia and the other one in Arkansas; four brothers, one in state of Washington, one in Arkansas, one in Mississippi County, in this state and the other one lives near Brumley.

Mrs. Kinder was a faithful member of the Iberia M. E. Church. She was faithful to her church. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the town cemetery by Rev. E.M. Vance after which the body was consigned to the grave. One of the largest crowds ever gathered on an occasion of this kind here were present Sunday afternoon.

Unknown Publication, February 1918

Andrew J. Perkins was born January 3, 1829, in Franklin County, Missouri; departed this life Feb. 10, 1918, at the age of 89 years. He was united in marriage April 14, 1850, to Tabitha Lambert and of this union six children were born.

He was married a second time to Elizabeth Prior, and of this union there is one son, Robert, who was present at the funeral.

He was united a third time, 1867, to Mary J. Young who survives him. Of this union six children were born: Melvin, Emilene (deceased), Lewis, Viola (deceased), Paralee, and Evalin—thirteen children in all.

Bro. Perkins professed faith in Christ, was baptized and united with the M.E. Church in 1852, was licensed to exhort soon afterward and has ever been an earnest and faithful Christian all these many years.
Bro. Perkins, for many years, has testified to the Pauline and Wesleyan heart experience of entire sanctification or heart purity and suffered some persecution, but his friends testify to an ever holy life.

His request had been for years that 2nd Timothy 4-7 be used as a text at his funeral. “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” And in accordance with his request this text was used.

Funeral services were held from the M.E. Church on Monday afternoon, conducted by Revs. R.T. Hodges and C.M. Sooter, after which the body was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1923

Mrs. Laura Johnston, widow of the late Geo. W. Johnston and one of Iberia’s most noble women, died here last Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W.A. von Gremp. The cause of her death was kidney trouble from which she had been a sufferer for about five years.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock from the Methodist Church (the Congregational Church building being used by the public school). Dr. G. Byron Smith conducted the services, paying a beautiful and fitting tribute to the departed one. Nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers. Interment was made in the town cemetery under direction of Adams and Casey, undertakers.

Miss Laura Irwin was born in Mifflingburg, Pennsylvania April 8, 1854, and came to Missouri with her parents when she was six years old. In 1869 she was married to Geo. W. Johnston, who preceded her in death five years ago. She is survived by five children, David Johnston of Santa Ana, Calif., W.I. Johnston of Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. Sallie Stuntz of Las Annimas, Col., Mrs. W.A. von Gremp and Victor Johnston both of Iberia, a daughter, Mrs. Everett Allen, having died a number of years ago. She also leaves to mourn her departure four brothers and one sister, Chas. T. Irwin of Fellows, Calif., William Irwin, John L. Irwin and Holmes Irwin and Mrs. C.W. Farnham all of Iberia besides a large number of grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnston was a life long member of the Congregational Church, her life being one worthy of emulation. After a long, busy and useful life she died as she had lived—honored, trusted and loved.

The daughter and two sons at home and present at the funeral, Mrs. W.A. von Gremp, Willie and Victor Johnston, request us to kindly express their sincere thanks to the Methodist people for tendering the use of their church for the funeral services. Also to the kind neighbors and friends who so willingly lent their assistance and gave the beautiful floral offering they wish to tender thanks.

Rekus Funeral Homes Web Site, July 29, 2008

Reba Faye Sanning, age 82, of Iberia, died Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at St. John’s Regional Health Center in Springfield as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was born in Iberia on November 19, 1925, daughter of Willard and Eula Fern (Moneymaker) Cochran.

On June 7, 1945, in Brumley, she was married to Elbert L. Harrison, who preceded her in death on September 29, 1967. On November 11, 1978, in Crocker, she was married to Theodore J. “Ted” Sanning, who died as a result of the same accident. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was a member of Goodwill Church near Crocker.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Lee and husband Lawrence of Lake Ozark, and Doris Webster and husband Steven of Springfield; three stepchildren; four grandchildren, Steven Lee, Kevin Lee, Jennifer Webster, and Amanda Wilson; five step grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; and one brother, Harold Cochran of Iberia. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and one sister.

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Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. J. R. McGuire will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

**Bobby Dale Lilly**, age 79, of Iberia, died Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in Iberia on January 5, 1929, son of Oscar F. and Marshie (Shackelford) Lilly. On May 27, 1961, in Greensburg, he was married to Wanda Fern Parrish, who survives at the home.

He worked for many years as an accountant and with the funeral home in Iberia. He was a member of the Iberia First Christian Church.

Other survivors include two daughters, Christy Maier and husband Gary of Louisville, Kentucky, and Angela Erhart and husband Daryl of Centralia; and six grandchildren, Zachary Maier, Joseph Maier, Kylie Maier, Kaitlyn Erhart, Andrew Erhart, and Lillianna Erhart. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dorsey “Bud” Lilly.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 1, at the Iberia First Christian Church. Bro. Stan Way will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to Bob’s Grandchildren’s Educational Fund.

**Robert “Bob” Rush**, age 72, of Tuscumbia, died Monday, July 28, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born in Miller County on June 13, 1936, a son of the late Roy and Mildra (Hager) Rush. On July 26, 1959, in Eldon, he was married to Sharron Patterson, who survives at the home.

Bob enjoyed being around people, telling jokes, collecting tractors and spending time with his family. He was a member of Church of the Nazarene in Eldon.

Others who survive him include: two children, Reggie Rush and wife Christy and Darlene Boren and husband Jim, all of Tuscumbia; six grandchildren, Suzie Rush, Elliott Rush and wife Kristen, Hillary Rush and Bradley, Brandon and Brady Banner and five brothers, Larue Rush and wife Rosetta, Gerald Rush and wife Ottolene, Kenneth Rush and wife Judy, Marvin Rush and wife Margaret and Sammy Rush and wife Phyllis. One brother, Harry Lee Rush, also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, with services immediately following at 1:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Gene Edwards and Larry Scherer will officiate. Interment with military honors provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 and “Taps” played by Shawn Rush will be in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to come by the Rush’s home from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30th. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Robert Rush Memorial Fund.

**Theodore Joseph “Ted” Sanning**, age 79, of Iberia, died Monday, July 28, 2008, in Iberia as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born in Kansas City on June 7, 1929, son of Jake and Minnie Sanning. On December 2, 1961, in Mary’s Home, he was married to Violet Jean Pemberton Meyer, who preceded him in death on September 9, 1971. On November 11, 1978, in Crocker, he was married to Reba Faye Cochran Harrison, who died as the result of the same accident.

He was a loving father and grandfather. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a lifelong farmer and worked for many years in construction at Tan-Tar-A and as a manager at Osage Products in Eldon. He was a member of the Laborers Union and a member of St. Cornelius Catholic Church in Crocker.

Survivors include one son, Tommy Meyer and wife Carol of Iberia; two daughters, Shelia Marquart and husband Dale of Montreal, and Beverly Merkle and husband Don of Eldon; two
stepdaughters; five grandchildren, Travis Meyer and wife Rogetta, Evan Meyer and wife Christie, Courtney Marquart, Violet Marquart, Joe Don Merkle and wife Marcy; four step grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, Alexis Meyer, Madalynne Meyer, Olivia Meyer, and Madison Merkle; and three step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Elsie Hopen, Estelle Sanning, Agnes Sanning, and Geneva Sanning; and one great-granddaughter, Abigail Meyer.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Walter Reisinger will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of the Iberia VFW Post 6167 and the Iberia American Legion Post 105 will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Cody Nicholas Landreth, age 18, of St. Anthony, died Sunday, July 27, 2008, at Lake Ozark due to an accidental drowning. He was born in Jefferson City on August 13, 1989, a son of Michael Steven and Melinda June (Limberg) Landreth.

Cody was employed by Kenny and Donna Dickneite at Dickneite Farms where he loved working for his second family, the Dickneites, and with his best friend, Taylor Dickneite. He also loved spending time and working on the Casper Farm with Bob and Tina and his good friend, Travis Minor. Cody attended the Cowboy Church in the Iberia area.

Those who survive him include: his parents, Michael and Melinda Landreth of the home; two brothers, Justin Michael Landreth and Dakota Robert Landreth both of St. Anthony; one sister, Blaze Chantalle Landreth of St. Anthony; his maternal grandfather, Delmar Limberg and wife Mary of Belle; thirteen aunts and uncles, Darla Schockley of St. James, April Valley, Tammy Limberg and Elvis Limberg all of Owensville, Fred “Dutch” Landreth of Eldon, Tom Landreth of Columbia, Lohman “Ozzie” Landreth of Forsyth, Joyce Landreth of St. Elizabeth, Doris Robinett of Brumley, Gerry Amlin of Hartville, Vera Woods of Tusculumbia, Becky Henson of Jefferson City, and Bob Landreth of Brumley; and his girlfriend, Amy Morgan of Wardsville. His paternal grandparents, Fred Landreth and Dorothy Coleson and maternal grandmother, Betty Limberg, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 1, at the Lighthouse Baptist Church near Brumley. Gary Rowden, Virgil Dennis, and Joe Cargill will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, at the Lighthouse Baptist Church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Cody Landreth Memorial Fund.

Rekus Funeral Home Web site, July 30, 2008

William “Beco” Alonis, age 89, of Eldon, died Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at the Harry S. Truman VA Hospital. He was born in Hughestown, Pennsylvania on July 17, 1919, a son of Joseph and Beatrice Alonis.

William was an Army veteran of World War II where he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and earned the Good Conduct, American Campaign and European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medals. He also earned three Bronze Stars and the World War II Victory medal. He then owned and operated Beco’s Army Surplus in Eldon for many years.

Those who survive him include: one son, William Rogers and wife Debra of Chicago, Illinois and his good friend, Warren Lexa of Eldon. His parents and siblings all preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Deacon Gary Christoff will officiate. Interment with military honors provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, August 2 at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
The Iberia Sentinel, March 1919

W.R. Short, another one of Iberia’s oldest and highly respected citizens, died at his home here early Saturday morning of pneumonia fever. The deceased is widely known all over the county, having lived here all his life, during which time he has been engaged in farming, school teaching and the practice of law.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the town cemetery where the remains were laid to rest. The services were conducted by Sq. John Ferguson, Commander Iberia G.A.R. Post of which the deceased was a member.

IN MEMORIAM

On the 15th Day of March 1919, at Iberia, Mo., again the death Angel visited the ranks of the Veterans of the Civil War and called from our ranks here to the fastly increasing ranks of our Comrades on the Eternal Camping Ground, our comrade Wm. R. Short. Commander Short was born Feb. 8, 1844, in Miller County, Mo., age at his death 75 years, 1 month and 7 days. He enlisted in June 1864, in Co. E. 48th Mo. Inft. Vols., was discharged in June 1865. He studied law and was admitted to the bar while Judge George Miller was on the bench. He was married to Martha J. Shelton on the 16th day of January 1870, and of this union eight children were born, Charley who lives in Iberia, Mrs. J.J. Prock., Iberia; Fred, Etterville; Elmer, St. James and Walter, Crocker, survive and were all present at the funeral. The other three children died several years ago. Besides the children he leaves a wife, brothers, sisters, and many relatives and friends to mourn his departure, but we have the blessed assurance that, though we die, yet shall we live again.

His Comrades extend their heart-felt sympathy to his loving wife and companion, children, brothers and sisters. All must bow to the will of an all wise God who doeth all things well. We know that the will of God is accomplished and we bow to His will.

Unknown Publication, December 1918

John Kallenbach was born in Saxony, Germany on the 10th day of December 1844; he departed this life, surrounded by his family and relatives, at his home on the Saline Creek near Tuscumbia, on the 29th day of December, 1918, aged 74 years and 19 days. The subject of this sketch emigrated to the United States in his early youth and soon thereafter became a naturalized citizen of the country. Not long after his arrival, he enlisted in the Union Army and served his adopted country well and faithfully throughout that long struggle, a private in Co. G. 10th Regiment of Missouri Volunteer Cavalry.

Mr. Kallenbach was united in marriage to Miss Christina Artz on November 12, 1876. Of this union four children were born, Roland O. Kallenbach, now of Hession, Kans., Oliver R. and Oscar E. Kallenbach, both of Miller County, and Bertha a daughter who died in infancy. His first wife departed this life January 1892.

On August 15, 1895, he was united in marriage with Minnie A. Nixdorf, a daughter of the late DR. A.P. Nixdorf, one of the pioneer physicians of Miller County and to this union nine children were born; Miss Stella, now one of Miller County’s school teachers, John Frederick, Edison C., Raymond, Ruth, Nellie, Henry, Ruby and Hazel, all of whom, together with the widow, survive.

Mr. Kallenbach became a member of the Christian Church many years ago and remained a consistent member thereof until his death. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Soon after the Civil War Mr. Kallenbach established a home in Tuscumbia, and engaged in the blacksmith and wagon making business. By his rugged honesty, fair dealing and industry he accumulated considerable property; the last twenty years of his life was passed on his farm a few miles north of Tuscumbia. He was a man whose word was his bond, and Miller County has lost another one of her pioneer citizens; of a quiet, unassuming nature, always ready to accommodate a friend whenever possible, he is numbered among the good citizens of our
community, and his absence will long be felt by his neighbors and friends with whom he came in contact.

His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery on the hill, amidst his sorrowing relatives and friends, there to await the Resurrection Morn.

Iberia Sentinel, Unknown Date

Charley Prater, one of the enterprising farmers of the Johnston neighborhood, was run down and killed by an automobile in Klingmon, Kans., on Wednesday of last week. He and Mrs. Prater and son Guy, were on their way to visit another son elsewhere in Kansas, making the trip overland in their Ford car.

They had stopped, so we are informed, in Klingmon for a lunch and as Mr. Prater was crossing the street a car driven by a young man knocked him down. The accident so excited the driver that in trying to stop the car suddenly, he reversed the machine, running back over Mr. Prater, this time causing injuries which proved fatal. He lived only a few hours.

We understand the owner of the car paid all funeral expenses. The body was shipped back home and interment was made in the Bethany Cemetery Saturday.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

Our little city was shocked Friday afternoon when it was announced that F.G. Burris, one of our fellow townsmen, had been found dead in bed at his home near the Anchor Mill. Mrs. Chas. Burris came to town Friday and went to see Mr. Burris but found the doors locked and could not gain admittance. Will Bassman who works at the mill was called over to the house. He looked through a window and discovered the body lying on a bed. He got “Squire” H.W. Scott and they broke into the house and found from examination that he had been dead for two or three days. The body was in a badly decomposed condition and almost past handling.

A coroner’s jury was summoned and after considering the matter tendered a verdict that the deceased had come to his death from natural causes. Mrs. Burris died several weeks ago very suddenly from heart failure and since that time Mr. Burris had been living alone.

On account of the condition of the body a hasty burial was necessary and interment was made in the town cemetery late Friday night. Mr. Burris was a good man and a worthy citizen.

Unknown Publication, August 1922

Eliza Burks, nee Denton, was born in Indiana, Sept. 26, 1847, later moving to Illinois with her parents. She lived there until she was 19 years old when she moved to Missouri.

In her 19th year, on May 2, 1869, she was married to Edward W. Burks, and to this union five children were born, the oldest dying in infancy. The others are Mrs. Cora Woolsey, Glenarm, Ill.; Howard Burks, Crocker, Mo.; and Theodore Burks, Salem, Mo.

Soon after her marriage she professed faith in Christ and united with the Christian Church at Hickory Point where she ever lived a faithful Christian life. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother.

She died at the home of her son, Howard, in Crocker, Mo., August 25, 1922. The end was peaceful as was her life. She will be missed by those who knew her. May God’s richest blessing rest on the aged companion, children and grandchildren is the prayer of the entire community.

-W.S. Birge

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1918

George W. Adams, Sr., of Hickory Point, another one of the pioneer citizens of Miller County, died Sunday night of pneumonia fever after being sick only three days. Uncle George, as he was commonly called, was a splendid good citizen—honest, upright and a friend to everybody. He was a loyal and devoted member of the Baptist Church, and always deemed it a high privilege to render service and his mite to the cause of Christianity.
He leaves to mourn his departure an aged companion, two sons and a daughter—Steve Adams of Pueblo, Colo., and John Adams and Mrs. Jesse Livingston of near Hickory Point, besides a grandson, George Houser, whom he had raised from infancy.

At the time of Uncle George’s death his immediate relatives were down with the measles and were not able to attend the funeral, therefore only short services were held at the Hickory Point Baptist Church Tuesday, after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place. The funeral sermon will be preached later.

Unknown Publication, August 1916

Lewis A. Rowden, the subject of this sketch was born Sept. 13, 1861, died Aug. 17, 1916, his age being 55 years, 11 months and 4 days. He was married to Jennie Backies in ----ber 1883, and to this union two sons were born. The first preceded him in death in infancy. The older one, Arthur, survives him. Jennie died May 18, 1888, later he was married to Sarah Morrow Oct 1888. He leaves his wife and son, three sisters and five brothers to mourn his loss.

He united with the Christian (New Light) Church more than twenty years ago and lived a Christian life.

Interment was made in the Union Cemetery near Brays. Rev. G.W. Robertson conducted the funeral services in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives.

Unknown Publication, February 1920

The sad intelligence reached here last Saturday that Mrs. Lon Reed (Alice M. Warren) and her daughter, Alice Clare Reed (eleven years old) of near Barnett, died on Friday, only a few hours apart, of the flu. The bodies were brought to Ulman Saturday and interment made in the Gott Cemetery Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed formerly lived in Ulman where for a number of years Mr. Reed was engaged int eh mercantile business. They sold out there several years ago and moved to Barnett where Mr. Reed and his son again entered the mercantile business. Later he sold his interest in the store to his sons and bought a farm near Barnett, where they lived when his wife and daughter died.

Unknown Publication, May 1916

Died at the home of her son, Frank, May 31, Mrs. Joanna Ponder, wife of Wincelaslaus Ponder. Mrs. Ponder was born in Cape Girardeau County, March 12, 1832, being at the time of her death 84 years, 2 months and 20 days old.

In the year 1849 she was united in marriage to Wincelaslaus Ponder, and to this union was born ten children, two having preceded her to the spirit world. Eight are still left to mourn the loss of a dear and sainted mother: Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. Gordon Skaggs, Philip, George, Jerry and Frank Ponder of Iberia, Lawrence Ponder of Carson, Oklahoma, Oscar Ponder of Agnes, Mo. She also leaves 52 grandchildren, 88 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren to mourn her death.

Mrs. Ponder united with the Church of Christ in early life and lived a devoted Christian until her death. Funeral services were held at the Livingston Cemetery by Eld. L.D. Moneymaker of Lebanon, Mo.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, August 2, 2008

Rosemary Theresa Otto, age 76, of St. Anthony, died Saturday, August 2, 2008, at her home. She was born in St. Thomas on February 15, 1932, daughter of Stephen A. and Clara Johanna (Luebbering) Lackman. On May 30, 1951, in St. Thomas, she was married to Herbert D. Otto, who survives at the home.

Cancer took Rosemary from us, but it cannot take the wonderful memories of a giving woman. She will be treasured always. She worked for the St. Elizabeth Care Center for 22 years
retiring in 2003. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, St. Ann’s Sodality, and the St. Anthony Knights of Columbus #12242 Ladies Auxiliary.

Other survivors include three sons, Mark A. Otto (Carol) of St. Anthony, Thomas E. Otto (Ruth) of St. Anthony, and Arthur C. Otto (Jean) of Osage Bend; eleven daughters, Patricia A. Otto of Washington, D.C., Donna M. Moeller (Mike) of Kansas City, Marilyn N. Hedges (Chris) of Kansas City, Dolores R. Otto of Kansas City, Linda M. King (Bill) of Nacogdoches, Texas, Agnes A. Otto of Kansas City, Theresa A. Otto of Kansas City, Clare M. Otto of Kansas City, Elaine M. Deeken (Leon) of Koeltztown, JoAnn O. Bittel (Matt) of Kansas City, and Monica A. Lloyd (Luke) of Monroe City; four brothers, Joseph Lackman of Apple Creek, Ohio, David Lackman of Freeburg, Paul Lackman of St. Thomas, and Bernard Lackman of Centertown; five sisters, Virginia Billian of Towson, Maryland, Dorothy Hartung of High Ridge, Sister Cecelia Lackman, FSM, of St. Louis, Juliet Rodeman of Columbia, and Harriet Lackman of Jefferson City; and 21 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Norine Lage and Frances Lackman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in St. Anthony. Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB, and Rev. Patrick J. Shortt will officiate. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the St. Anthony Parish Hall in St. Anthony with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Rosemary Otto Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, 1055 Broadway, Suite 130, Kansas City, MO 64105. The scholarship will benefit St. Elizabeth High School graduates.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, August 4, 2008

Micheal L. Irwin, age 54, of Iberia, died Monday, August 4, 2008, at his home. He was born in Iberia on February 18, 1954, son of Clarence B. and Ida M. (Wilson) Irwin. On June 26, 1981, in Camden County, he was married to Linda Keeth, who survives at the home.

He worked as a cook at Lake of the Ozarks prior to his employment with LB Manufacturing (Blauer Family Company) in May of 1972. He worked his way up to plant manager resigning in November of 2006. He then worked for Bank of Iberia as a loan processor until October of 2007. He was a member of the Iberia Assembly of God Church.

Other survivors include one daughter, LeAnn Marie Huey and husband Jason of Swedeoborg; one stepson, William J. Blankenship Jr. and wife Jeanine of Iberia; his mother, Ida Marie Irwin of Crocker; two grandchildren, Balin Kade Huey and Cadie Ann Huey both of Swedeoborg; and two step grandchildren, Jesse Allee Blankenship and Jasper Alvis Blankenship both of Iberia. He was preceded in death by twin infant sons; his father; and one brother, Gary Irwin.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Jeff Higbie and Rev. Greg McClain will officiate. Interment will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests mem

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Viola Martha Holtmeyer, age 55, of St. Anthony, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at her home. She was born in Jefferson City on June 23, 1953, daughter of Victor John and Rita Marie (Groner) Otto. On August 31, 1974, in St. Thomas, she was united in holy matrimony to Daniel J. Holtmeyer, who survives at the home.

She was valedictorian of the 1971 graduating class of Blair Oaks High School. She was employed by the Department of Natural Resources until deciding to become a stay at home mom and doing in home daycare which she enjoyed for 30 years. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. She was a devoted wife and wonderful mother and grandmother.
Other survivors include two daughters, Lisa Maylee and husband Darryl of New Bloomfield, and Connie Gladden and husband Ronnie of Iberia; two grandchildren, Kale Anthony Maylee and Aubrey Ann Maylee both of New Bloomfield; her parents, Victor and Rita Otto of St. Thomas; two sisters and five brothers, Virginia Holtmeyer and husband Roman of Meta, Leroy Otto and wife Linda of Meta, Norman Otto and wife Vallie Don of St. Thomas, Jeanette Goeller and husband Andrew of St. Thomas, Doug Otto and wife Karen of St. Thomas, David Otto and wife Sara of St. Thomas, and Michael Otto and wife Cheri of St. Thomas; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Lynn Holtmeyer in December 1997.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in St. Anthony. Rev. Francis Stuart, OSB, and Rev. Clarence Wiederholt will officiate. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday at the St. Anthony Parish Hall with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Hospice of America or Relay for Life.

Iberia Sentinel, June 1924

**Mary Francis Karr**, age 85 years and 7 months, died Wednesday, June 4th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Walker, at Duke, in Phelps County, with whom she had been living. The old lady had been in poor health for some time.

The body was brought back to Miller County, where she formerly resided, and interment made in the Hawkins Cemetery Thursday, June 5th. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. James Hawkins of Brumley.

The deceased was familiarly known by many Miller County people, she having resided in this county almost all her life. Her husband died about eleven years ago. She is survived by four children: Everett Karr of Iberia, James Karr of Kingman, Kans.; Mrs. Polly A. Walker of Duke, Mo., and Mrs. Mattie Wilson of Kansas City, Mo.

Unknown Publication, December 1914

**Mrs. F.M. Wilson**, wife of Marion Wilson, was born in Maries County, Mo., Dec. 24, 18--, died at the home of her son, Everett, in Iberia, Dec. 14, 1914. She leaves to mourn her departure two sons and one daughter—Everett and Gabe Wilson of Iberia and Mrs. F.J. Fike of Mountain Grove.

She was a faithful and loving wife and mother. Her love for her children was all that could be expected of a mother, and her advice to them was always to live right. She had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church since childhood. Her aim was to live an honest and faithful life on earth and as she was poor her only hope was for a reward in heaven.

*Note: She was Mary Emeline Crismon, daughter of Gabriel Crismon and Susan M. Mears.*

Unknown Publication, June 1920

**John Uel Pemberton** at Drumright, Okla., on June 21, 1920. He was born February 8, 1914, at Iberia. He was the son of C.F. and Carrie Pemberton, formerly of Miller County but now living in Drumright, Okla.

Uel, with his brother Oscar and some neighbor boys, were playing near his home when an oil truck passed by and stopped. The boys asked the driver to ride with him. He told them to get in. The older boys jumped into the seat. Little Uel was at the side trying to get in when the truck started, causing him to fall. The rear wheel ran over his body, killing him almost instantly. A doctor was called at once and all that loving hands could do was done for him.

He leaves a father, mother, one sister, two brothers, two grandparents, and many relatives and friends to mourn his death.
Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in Drumright, Okla., June 23. The services were very impressive. His Sunday school teacher and classmates paid a beautiful floral tribute. They sang his favorite song, “The Meeting in the Air.” We never can forget hearing his sweet voice singing it and it will be a glorious meeting “over there” when we all shall meet again. The body was laid to rest in the Drumright Cemetery.

It was so sad to part with him, but we realize that our loss was Uel’s eternal gain. Oh, ’tis so lonely here without him.

Unknown Publication, May 1920

Minnie, the dearly beloved wife of Lee Thomson, died in Kansas City, Kans., May 13, 1920. She was born in Miller County about 32 years ago and was a daughter of the late Marion Roark, a Civil War veteran.

She was married to Lee Thomson at the residence of Mal Wyrick December 25, 1906; was the mother of four children, the oldest eleven, youngest two years, all ill of measles at the time of her death from pneumonia following measles. The announcement of her death so unexpectedly was received with greatest sadness by relatives and friends of her native community, for all who really knew her loved her for her genuine goodness of heart and devout Christian virtues. She loved the church of which she was a member for many years prior to her death; was a devoted wife and affectionate mother, cherished her duty toward a sick or distressed neighbor.

The funeral was held from the Christian Church at Tuscumbia and the body laid to rest in the Tuscumbia Cemetery. Friends sent flowers from Kansas City which were added to the splendid collection by the friends at Tuscumbia, and brother A.R. Peeler of the Church of Christ, after reading from the XIV Chapter of St. John, made appropriate remarks. The attendance of sorrowing relatives and friends was large and they were deeply moved.

Unknown Publication, February 1919

Homer Robert Setser was born June 20, 1897; died February 18, 1919. He took ill of influenza 4th day of February, followed by pneumonia and tuberculosis which soon proved fatal.

Homer was a kind and loving boy in the family, and will be greatly missed. He leaves a mother, father, two sisters (Maggie and Grace), two brothers (Chester and Arthur), besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. Our hope is that he is resting in the arms of our dear Lord and Blessed Savior.

While he was sick and bearing his suffering, he would call us by his bedside and tell us he was ready to go, and asked us what he was going to wear, and wanted to know whose pretty house he was in. He was a boy of good moral character, highly respected, loved and honored by all who knew him. -written by his sister, Grace

Unknown Publication, December 1914

Benjamin F. Fike, a well known and highly respected citizen of Iberia, died at his home Christmas morning after a lingering illness of several months. He leaves a wife and five children, Henry and Frank Fike, Mrs. J.F. Jones, Mrs. F.W. Smith and Mrs. Thomas Jones.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the house by Rev. E. Sternberg of the M.E. Church after which enterment was made in the town cemetery.

Card of thanks

We wish to express our hearty appreciation for the kindness and assistance accorded us by the neighbors and friends during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father. (There is a hole in the copy here)____ B.F. Fike and his Children.

Unknown Publication, Unknown date
Mrs. B.F. Fike, an old resident and a greatly respected old lady passed away at her home in Iberia at 12:30 Thursday morning. Mrs. Fike had been sick for some time and her death was not unexpected. The funeral was held at the home at 10 o’clock Friday morning. Rev. Geo. Robertson preached the funeral. Interment was at the Iberia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, November 1918

James P. Smith was born near Iberia in 1867; died in hospital in Webb City Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1918, five days after he sustained injuries caused by falling from a scaffold while working in the mines at Oronogo.

Just the day before he died the news came that his son, Archie, was killed in France, but it was learned later that he was only wounded. All three of his sons were in the army.

He was married to Emma Maxwell about 27 years ago and to this union were born three sons, Elmer, Melvin and Archie. Melvin came home on Sunday and was at his bedside when he died.

The deceased leaves a wife, three sons, father and mother, two sisters and four brothers besides a host of relatives to mourn his death. The body was interred in the cemetery at Carterville, Mo. by the side of his brother, Charley, who was killed about two months ago in an automobile accident.

Unknown Publication, January 1921

Elmer C. Smith, son of J.P. Smith and grandson of W.H. and L.A. Smith, was born June 10, 1889; died Jan 2, 1921 due to acute indigestion. He was operated on but it failed to save his life.

He was born and raised in Miller County, but moved to Oronogo, MO. and lived there two years then moved to Wichita, Kansas where he lived until death. He was married to Gladys Getz of Purcell, Mo. He was laid to rest in the Purcell Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church by Rev. Moore, pastor. He was in the U.S. Army during the recent war for 8 months and was stationed at Camp Pike, Ark. He was in New York awaiting embarkation when the armistice was signed.

He is survived by his wife, mother (Mrs. Emma Smith), two brothers of Wichita, Kansas, grandparents, several uncles and aunts and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was kind and dutiful and was loved by all who knew him. He is gone but not forgotten. Written by a cousin, Sadie Glawson.

Unknown Publication, September 6

Edith May Smith, seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, died of appendicitis in a local hospital in Wichita, Kansas, September 6th. The body was taken to Pineville, Mo. for burial. She leaves to mourn her death, father, mother, one sister and many relatives and friends.

Unknown Publication, 1918

Mrs. W.H. Smith of this place hands us the obituary, published below, of her son Charley who died from injuries received in an automobile accident near Alliance, Neb., first of last month. He was well known here having lived in Iberia the greater part of his life.

Charley E. Smith was born October 24, 1880; died September 14, 1918. He was married to Mollie Mayfield in 1901. To this union were born three children, a boy and two girls. He leaves a father and mother, two sisters, five brothers, a wife and two children to mourn his death. He died at Alliance, Neb., at St. Joseph hospital. Interment was made in the cemetery at Carterville, Mo.

Unknown Publication, October 1919
John T. Smith was born March 2, 1875 near Iberia, Mo.; died at his home in Claremore, Okla., on Oct 7. He was shot Monday the 5th at 9:15 p.m. and died the following day at 2:45 p.m. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Smith of Iberia and was well known here. He leaves an afflicted wife and four children, father, mother, two sisters—Mrs. Henry Lallar of Oronogo and Mrs. Chas. Aust of Iberia, three brothers—Felix, Frank and Jacob. He has a sister and two brothers who have gone on before—Mrs. Minnie Ress who died June 1918, Charley Smith who was killed in an automobile accident in August, 1918, and Paulin Smith who was killed in a mine accident at Oronogo last October.

The deceased will be greatly missed from the family circle, and it was hard to give him up, but there’s a hope of meeting again. May God bless his little family, may they prosper and so live that they may be a power for good while they live --a Niece, Lucy Aust

Unknown Publication, December 1919

John Wesley Smith, formerly of this place, died at his home in Crocker Monday, Dec. 22nd after a lingering illness of several weeks. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his departure.

The body was brought here on the following day. Funeral services were held in the Christian (Newlight) Church of which he was a member, conducted by Rev. C.M. Sooter. Interment was made in the town cemetery.

Unknown Publication, November 1918

Little Erma Beatrice Lallar, daughter of Henry and Grace Lallar, of Oronogo, Mo., was born Nov. 5, 1916; died Nov. 21, 1918, of Influenza. She was sick nine days; willing hands did all they could to save her but God wanted her for an Angel and called her home. Interment was made in the cemetery at Purcell, Mo.

She leaves a father, mother, two sisters and two brothers to mourn her death. She was a grand-daughter of Uncle Harrison Smith and wife of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

Mrs. Allen Rothwell, daughter of W.H. Fike of Crocker, died last Monday in Medford, Okla., of Spanish Influenza. Mrs. Rothwell was teaching in the high school at that place when she contracted the disease. The body was shipped to Crocker and interment was made in the cemetery there on Wednesday.

Both Mrs. Rothwell and her husband were graduates of Iberia Academy, also of Drury College. The deceased was loved and esteemed by the people of Iberia who are indeed sorry to learn of her death. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and father.

Unknown Publication, April 1909

Jamima Jarrett was borned in Tennessee April 9th 1837. Moved to Missouri 1839, and moved to Miller County in 1850 where she has resided ever since. Married in 1851 to David Jarrett. Her maiden name was Sherley.

She was united with the Christian Church in 1876, and lived a Christian life ever since. Had 7 children living and 3 dead. 41 grandchildren living and 8 dead. 28 great-grandchildren living and 2 dead. She died April 6th 1909.

The children who survived her are Polk Jarrett, Mrs. Thos. Hensley, Mrs. Joe Hensley, Mrs. Dave Humphrey, Mrs. Jerry Crane, Mrs. F.S. Ramsey and Andy Jarrett.

Her sufferings ended with the day.
Unknown Publication, December 1925

Clyde Smith, son of Mrs. Minnie Ress, (deceased) and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Smith of Iberia, was born in Miller County, January 1, 1891; died in Miami Baptist Hospital Miami, Okla., Dec. 10, 1925, of pneumonia, being at the time of his death 34 years 11 months and 11 days old. He was born and raised in Miller County.

He was married to Addie Vanhorn and to this union two daughters were born, one preceded him to the great beyond three years ago.

He leaves to mourn his death, a loving wife and daughter, grandparents and many other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed in his home; his voice which was once heard so often is stilled in death.

His body was laid to rest in Pineville, Mo., beside his daughter.

Unknown Publication, June 1918

Mrs. Minnie Ress was born April 13, 1869, died at Oronogo, Mo. June 24, 1918, at the home of her sister Mrs. Grace Lallar. She was first married to Rector Thompson, later to Paul Ress of St. Louis, who died a few years ago. She united with the M.E. Church about twenty-five years ago and later placed her membership in the Christian Church. She leaves a son, father and mother, six brothers and two sisters to mourn her departure.

Interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. G.W. Robertson.

Unknown Publication, December 1916

The body of Paul Ress, husband of Mrs. Minnie Ress (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Smith of Iberia) was shipped here from ST. Louis Tuesday for burial. Funeral services were held in the Iberia Christian Church, conducted by Rev. G.W. Robertson, after which enterment was made in the town cemetery.

The story of Mr. Ress’ death is a sad one. As reported to us by Mrs. Ress and his half-brother, Mr. Geo. Smith, who accompanied the body here from St. Louis, Mr. Ress died Dec. 23, 1916. He was found seriously ill on the street in St. Louis and was taken to the city hospital where he was examined by physicians who found him speechless and in an unconscious condition, unable to tell anything about his people. There seemed to be no one who could identify him. His illness soon proved fatal and the body was buried in the absence of relatives.

Mrs. Ress was visiting a sister at the time and had been detained on account of an injury received in an accident on her way home. In the meantime she was notified of his death, but did not learn the particulars until she returned to St. Louis. She immediately notified his brother (who had not yet learned of his death) and preparations were at once made to have the body exhumed and shipped to Iberia for burial.

Iberia Sentinel, April 1937

Eliza Jane Hammock was born March 18, 1884, daughter of Malissa and Wallace Hammock; departed this life April 4, 1937. She was united in marriage to John R. Wall March 10, 1904. To this union one child, Virgil, was born.

About twenty years ago she united with the Christian Church at Pleasant Hill, and remained a faithful Christian to the end.
She is survived by her husband, John R. Wall, her son and one grandchild, two grandchildren having preceded her in death; her aged mother, two sisters, one brother, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Holt of Crocker, at the Concord Church, and burial was made in the cemetery there. J.L. Hoops & Sons of Crocker had charge of the burial.

Unknown Publication, February 1925

Willard Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, departed this life Sunday night, Feb. 15, of Bright’s Disease of which he had been ailing for about a year. He was born April 2, 1916; died Feb 16, 1925, being 8 years 10 months and 14 days old when God called him. The little fellow leaves to mourn his departure, father and mother, three brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends. One sister preceded him to the Great Beyond about six years ago.

The body was laid to rest on Monday afternoon, Feb. 16th, in the town cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey undertakers. Brief services were held at the grave in the presence of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Iberai Sentinel, February 1924

George W. Robertson, a well known citizen of Iberia, for many years a minister of the Gospel and a G.A.R. veteran, died Friday, Feb. 29 at the home of his son, Emery, in Iberia, following a lingering illness of several months duration.

George W. Robertson died at his home in Iberia, Mo., Friday, Feb. 29, at the age of 77 years, 5 months and 22 days. He was born Septl 7, 1846 and married to Mary E. Trent in Osage County October 8, 1868. To this union were born eight children, four of whom were at his bedside when the end came, Emery Robertson and Mrs. Bertha White of Iberia, and Mrs. John Doolin and Mrs. Cliff Doolin of Waynesville, Mo. The four other children, Lizzie, John, Meda and Amy, preceded him to the great beyond. He leaves besides his companion, one son, three daughters, 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

Brother Robertson was a member of the Christian Church. He was called to the ministry early in life, and for 25 years preached for the church with which he was affiliated. He lived a devoted Christian life until God called him from his labors to his reward. He was loved by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted by RDev. C.W. Sooter at the home, where a large crowd of friends and neighbors paid their last respect, after which the firing squad of Fremont Watkins Post, American Legion took charge of the body and peacefully laid it to rest in the Iberia Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, May 1931

“Uncle Wash” Shelton died last Friday—G.W. (Wash) Shelton, age 82, one of the best and most highly respected citizens of south Miller County, died at his home near Alder Springs about 3 o’clock Friday morning, May 1, of kidney trouble and other complications. He was confined to his bed about four weeks, and despite all medical aid, death came as the only relief.

He was married to Miss Mary Jane Brandon and to this union nine children were born, five of which preceded him in death and four living, namely: Doward, Ed and Allen of near Iberia, and Mrs. Lou Whitaker of Granite City, Ill. He is also survived by his wife.

Mr. Shelton was born in Miller County and lived here all his life, following the occupation of farming. He was a member of the Church of Christ and his life lived among us is one worthy of emulation.

Funeral services were held at the Union Church near Brays Sunday, and were conducted by Eld. H.H. Diestelkamp of Belle, Mo. Burial was made in the cemetery at that place under
direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers. We join in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved ones.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1932

Word reached here Tuesday night announcing the death of Mrs. Electa (Hopkins) Davidson, who passed away about ten o’clock at the home of her son, Jennings, in St. Louis.

Clarence Casey, of the Adams & Casey ambulance service, who had just returned from taking Walter Berry to a St. Louis hospital was called back to the city to bring the body of Mrs. Davidson to Iberia for burial. The body is not expected to arrive until sometime today (Wednesday). Therefore funeral arrangements have not been made at the time the Sentinel goes to press.

Mrs. Davidson had been in poor health for the past year or so, but was as well as usual a few days ago, as she with her son and his family spent Thanksgiving in Iberia.

She was the widow of the late Miles J. Davidson, one of the pioneer merchants of Iberia. She made Iberia her home practically all her life and was one of the community’s best and most influential women. Since her son moved to St. Louis a few years ago, she has made her home with him and his family most of the time.

Unknown Publication, June 1922

F.B. Gardner was born Dec. 24, 1850, on what was known as the Uncle Paulin Gardner place, 2½ miles west of Iberia, Miller County. Died June 13, 1922, aged 71 years, 5 months and 20 days.

He was married to Sarah E. Hume March 17, 1869. To this union were born 12 children, four having preceded him to the better world. Mr. Gardner was one of our oldest and best known citizens and was one among the first to aid I our Academy building, having donated the ground for the Academy and Alumni Hall. He was always ready and willing to help everyone in time of sickness and death. Mr. Gardner leaves to mourn his loss a loving faithful wife, two sons and six daughters: Mrs. G.W. Adams, Mrs. Brose Dickerson, Mrs. E.G. Wilson, Mrs. Walter Dickerson and Mr. Arthur Gardner, all of Iberia. Mrs. James Goforth of Richland, Mrs. O.L. Dupree and Mr. Frank Gardner of Springfield, Mo. May the Lord bless and help this broken-hearted family in their time of sorrow.

Unknown Publication, December 1923

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Gardner, another one of Iberia’s well known and highly esteemed women, died Sunday morning 6 o’clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G.W. Adams, following an illness of about three months, caused by gall stone.

She was born in Lexington, Indiana, March 18, 1853, being 70 years, 8 months and 24 days old at the time of her death.

She came to this part of the country at the age of eleven years with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hume, and was married to Felix B. Gardner in 1870. To this union twelve children were born, four of whom died in early life. Her husband preceded her in death one year, five months and nineteen days. The children living are: Mrs. Geo. W. Adams, Mrs. Everett G. Wilson, Mrs. Brose Dickerson, Mrs. Walter Dickerson all of Iberia, Mrs. James Goforth of Richland, Mrs. O.L. Dupree and Frank Gardner both of Springfield and Arthur Gardner of St. Louis.

All the children were at the bedside of their mother when the death angel came. Death came peacefully, she passing away just like going into a peaceful slumber.

Beautiful and impressive funeral services were held at the home, and were conducted by Prof. G. Byron Smith of the Congregational Church of which the deceased was a member…the balance of the copy is torn
Aunt Jemima Setser was born Nov. 4th 1845 in Kentucky and died Feb. 4th 1922 near Iberia. She was 76 years and 3 months old. She was married in 1866 to John A. Setser, who died in 1898.

To this union were born nine children, Misses Stella, Joann and Belle, and Mrs. W.F. Hensley, Mrs. Roe Fancher and Willie, having preceded her in death. A.W. Setser, C.C. Setser, and Felix Setser are living. She also leaves 28 grandchildren—17 living and 11 dead; also two great-grandchildren, two sisters—Mrs. Harrison Smith and Mrs. Will Clark, two brothers—John Gardner and Felix Gardner, and one half-brother—Wiley Gardner of Eldon still living, besides a number of other relatives and friends.

Joseph Thompson Wright died at his home near Tuscumbia Sunday morning at 6:00 o’clock after a week’s illness of pneumonia following the influenza. He was born in Cole County February 9, 1849, and moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Wright, to Miller County when they bought the farm on the Little Saline where the old carding machine was built by his father.

On April 5th, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Newell who survives. They resided on the Newell farm one mile below town on the river for a few years, later moving to the place where he died. He is survived by five children whose names are as follows: Mrs. Louis Sears, Union; C.E. Wright, Kansas City, Kansas, Frank Wright and John Wright of Tuscumbia; and Samuel Wright of Syracuse, N.Y. He is also survived by 23 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and three brothers, the brothers being J.P. Wright and G.L. Wright of Tuscumbia and John Wright of Brumley. Two brothers, C.M. Wright, who resided in Fulton, and H.A. Wright, who resided near Eugene, died a few years ago.

Mr. Wright became a member of the Methodist Church when a young man and later joined the Christian Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. T.F. Simmons, pastor of the Baptist Church, at the Christian Church. He took for his favorite text, “If a man die, shall he live again?” The sermon was very impressive and remarks appropriate. Six nephews of the deceased representing different families present, acted as pallbearers. They were C.B., T.C., H.L., and Paul Wright, Roscoe Simpson and James Carrender. After services at the church, the remains were laid to rest in the Tucumbia Cemetery.

John Y. Sidwell, age 93 years, died Friday night, Sept. 12th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W.J. Payne of near Brumley. Grandpa Sidwell, as he was commonly called, was one of the oldest if not the oldest man in Miller County. He was born in Tennessee and has been a resident of this county for many years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J.C. Thompson of Eldon, after which interment was made in the Hawkins Cemetery. Mr. Sidwell was the father of Mrs. James Musick of Iberia.

Nancy Katherine Short was born on a farm where Iberia is now located, November 30, 1838; died at her home near Crocker, Mo., June 27, 1918. She was married to William E. Vickers, October 28, 1852. To this union were born eight children, six boys and two girls. Three boys and one of the girls are dead. The husband and father died March 28, 1888.

Left to mourn her death are three sons and one daughter; Newton Vickers who resides near Lebanon, Mo., Columbus Vickers of Swedeborg, Mo., Mrs. Ora Patterson who resides near Swedeborg, and William E. Vickers who resides on the home farm near Crocker.
Nancy Katherine Vickers was a member of the Baptist Church, she and her husband uniting with this church about thirty years ago. She told all of her children that she wanted them to know that she was ready to go at any time the Lord called her.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. W.D. Cave of the Baptist Church last Friday afternoon after which interment was made in the family cemetery.

__Unknown Publication, February 1923__

The funeral services of **Mrs. Mary E. Lombar**, who died at her home in Springfield, Mo., Monday, Feb. 26, is being held here this afternoon from the Congregational Church, conducted by Prof. G. Byron Smith. The funeral services have been postponed until this time on account of waiting for the arrival of Frank Lombar (the only living child) who was detained at his home in Philadelphia on account of sickness in his family.

Mrs. Lombar was the widow of the late Capt. F.E. Lombar of this place and is widely known in Miller County.

Interment will be made in the town cemetery along side her husband. At the same time the ashes of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Wiggenhorn, who died and her body cremated in Los Angeles, Calif. several years ago, will be buried with the body of her mother.

__Unknown Publication, Jun 1918__

The entire town and community was shocked and made to feel sad when the news reached here last Saturday morning that Mrs. Bennett Skaggs had passed away the night before in St. Louis where she had been taken to be under the care of special physicians and trained nurses. Her infant child, whom we mentioned last week, preceded her to the Great Beyond only a few days.

Her body accompanied by her husband, father and Mrs. Brose Dickerson who had been with her, arrived here Saturday afternoon. Funeral services we held Sunday afternoon at the town cemetery, conducted by F.P. Haus and Rev. R.T. Hodges of the M.E. Church, after which the remains were laid to rest along side the graves of her three infants.

**Mrs. Beulah Peoria Skaggs** was born January 12, 1894, departed this life Sat., June 1st at 12:05 a.m. She was the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Irwin. She leaves father, mother, two brothers and a sister to follow her, and also her beloved husband, Bennett Skaggs, with many relatives and sympathizing friends.

Mrs. Skaggs lived a quiet smooth-going life, always looking forward to a happy future. She was converted Sept. 2, 1915 and united with the M.E. Church in Iberia.

__Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, August 10, 2008__

**Wilford W. “Bill” Graves**, age 80, of Iberia, died Saturday, August 9, 2008, after a short battle with lung cancer, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born in Ulman on September 28, 1927, the second of five sons born to Walter and Oma (Stokes) Graves. Raymond Graves and Tom Graves survive and Harry Graves and William Graves preceded Bill in death.

On February 10, 1955, in Iberia, he was married to Colleen Faye Rowden, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked in Alaska for Green Construction Company for over 30 years paving roads, working on the Alaskan Pipeline, and building airports. He retired in 1984. After his retirement, he operated a cattle farm. He was a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge #410 AF and AM and the Abou Ben Adhem Temple in Springfield. He was also a member of Iberia First Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing and riding horses.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home with a Masonic Service at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.
Miller County Autogram, Dec 12, 1929

Tolbert Wyrick, one of our good citizens of Ulman, died at his home December 7, 1929, following a brief illness of flu-pneumonia, he having been afflicted with the latter for some years.

Mr. Wyrick was a member of one of the county’s oldest and most prominent families. He was a son of Henry Wyrick and was born January 7, 1857, in the Ulman neighborhood, being 72 years and 11 months of age at the time of his departure.

He was married July 17, 1879 to Miss Adaline Wickham, who survives him. To this union nine children were born. The seven now living are Mrs. Mon Roberts of Tuscumbia, Mrs. Gay Watson of Eldon, Henry of Jefferson City, Alvin of Tuscumbia, and Halsey, Clarence and Cloudy of Ulman. Besides these there are 33 living grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wyrick united with the Christian Church in 1883 and was a member of the Ulman Congregation at the time of his death. Funeral services were held Sunday at 11:00 o’clock at Mt. Zion, conducted by Rev. C.M. Sooter in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, September 1948

Rev. James C. Thompson was born April 29, 1856, and passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joe (Joel) Wall in Eldon, Sept. 8, 1948, being at the time of his death past 91 years.

Bro Thompson was one of the early pioneer ministers of the state of Missouri and his work very outstanding. He was ordained to the ministry on April 2, 1888, in the Christian Church at Brumley, Mo. He was pastor of this church for 16 consecutive years and continued to preach for this church most of the time until he retired from the active ministry several years ago. Bro. Thompson’s records of his ministerial work was destroyed by fire when his home burned several years ago, however, as near as he could estimate the number he baptized was about 10,000. He helped to establish churches and ordained a number of ministers.

The number of funerals cannot be estimated. Most every family in this section of Missouri has heard his words of comfort in a time of their deepest sorrow. As to marriages, he did not remember the number he had united in the holy band and wedlocks.

( lengthy words of praise omitted here)

On Oct. 24, 1877, Bro. Thompson was married to Mary Eliza Bruin. To this union 14 children were born. Two preceded him in death. Ten children were able to attend the funeral services and a large number of grandchildren. He was laid to rest in the Eldon Cemetery by the side of his wife. Services were conducted by Bros. Freeman, Sower and Alexander.

Unknown Publication, June 1970

Ralph V. Wells, 75, of Tuscumbia, a lifetime resident of Miller County, died Saturday, June 13, 1970, at Charles E. Still Hospital, Jefferson City. Mr. Wells was a retired farmer and vice-president of Anchor Milling Co., and manager of the Wells Farm at Tuscumbia.

He was born Feb. 22, 1895, in Miller County, the son of the late J.R. and Lucy Ellen (Lawson) Wells. On Nov. 11, 1920, he was married in St. Louis to Mildred Stadler who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Gene Petrakis, and three grandchildren, Patrick, Catherine and Peter Petrakis, all of Memphis, Tenn.; two brothers, J.R. Wells, Jr. of Kimberling City, and William R. Wells of Phoenix, Ariz.; and four sisters, Mrs. Walter Stillwell of Tuscumbia, and Mrs. Richard Fowler, Mrs. Guy M. Sone and Mrs. Al Senevy, all of Jefferson City. Two grandchildren, Michael Wells Petrakis and Elizabeth Ann Petrakis, preceded him in death.

Mr. Wells was a member of the Tuscumbia Presbyterian Church and of the AF & AM Lodge in Jefferson City.
Funeral services for Mr. Wells were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon with the Rev. Robert Bullard officiating. Burial was in Riverview Gardens at Jefferson City. Pallbearers were Bill Lawson, Lloyd Slone, Bamber Wright, LeRoy Snodgrass, Frank Martin, and Roy Sone.

Unknown Publication, Unknown date

Mrs. Arizona Moore died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Faye B. McFarland, 228 East Ashley. Mrs. Moore who had been ill for eight years was born February 15, 1877 in Enon, MO. She was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Staton Shikles.

Mrs. Moore lived most of her life in Tuscumbia, where she was a member of the Baptist Church. Her husband, Charles Moore, preceded her in death in 1930.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Faye McFarland, and one brother, Ray Shikles of Jefferson City. Also by two sisters, Ida Cooper of Tuscumbia and Mrs. Tracy Casey of Alhambra, Calif. Mrs. Moore leaves five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Kansas City Star, November 6, 2007

Marjorie Robinett Cannon, 91, of Lexington, NC, died Saturday, November 3, 2007, at Alston Brook Nursing Center. She was born in Brumley, Mo., on June 16, 1916, daughter of Herman A. and Cynthia (Rodden) Robinett. She was married to Charles Willard Cannon, who preceded her in death.

She was a resident of Shawnee, Kan., for 56 years until moving to Lexington to make her home with her granddaughter, Sherry Jackson and husband Steve in 1999.


She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Willard Vernon Cannon and Charles Dwayne Cannon.

Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia, Mo. Graveside services will follow at noon at Robinett Cemetery near Brumley. Rev. Chris Dumas will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Crisis Ministry of Davidson County, 107 East First Avenue, Lexington, NC 27292.

Unknown Publication, Unknown date

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. today, at the Kidwell Funeral Home, Versailles, for Alonza F. Waddell, 91, who died Friday at his home. He was born at Tuscumbia in 1877, son of James and Martha Waddell.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Lucille Bridges; a son and daughter by a previous marriage, James Waddell, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Zella King, Van Buren, Ark. Also surviving is a brother, Edward Waddell, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Hunter, both of Eldon; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Waddell was a member of the West Union Baptist Church. Burial will be in the community cemetery in Glensted.

Unknown Publication, May 1968
Mrs. Minta L. Small, 90, of Eldon, died Thursday at her home. Mrs. Small was born Oct 16, 1877, in Miller County, the daughter of John and Margaret Crisp Goodrick. She was married in December 1906 to Thomas H. Small, who died in 1943.

Survivors include: one son, Kelly Small, Eldon; four daughters, Mrs. Nellie Kleasner, Glasgow, Mrs. Mary Barton, Vienna, Ohio, Mrs. Fay Kallenbach, Owensville, and Mrs. Glenna Harryman, Richmond, Va., 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Ninth Street Christian Church, Eldon. The Rev. Roy Weece will officiate. Burial will be in the Tuscumbia Cemetery. Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon is in charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication, Unknown date

Word was received here last week that Levi Small died at his home in Tyler, Ark., Thursday, June 6, at the age of 68 years. Death was attributed to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Small was a brother of T.H. Small of Tuscumbia, and the son of Archibald Small and wife, early residents of this community. Levi was born in Indiana and came to Tuscumbia with his parents when a boy where he grew to manhood and lived until about 35 years ago when he went to the state of Arkansas where he was married, and leaves, besides his wife, seven children to mourn his passing.

Besides T.H. Small of Tuscumbia, he is also survived by two other brothers and one sister—Dan Small of Union, Willis Small of Arkansas, and Mrs. Mary Sparks of Miami, Okla.

Mr. Small for the past few years had been following the ministry, identifying himself with the Methodist Church. Mr. Small was well and favorably known by the older residents of this community who regret to hear of his demise.

Unknown Publication, January 1953

W.S. Stillwell, age 73, distinguished member of the Miller County bar, died last Sunday at Humphreys Hospital I Tuscumbia. He passed away following a heart attack which he suffered Friday.

He was one of Miller County’s best known citizens and held a wide acquaintance throughout central Missouri. Judge Stillwell was a familiar figure at the courthouse where he and his son maintained their abstract office. His friendly handshake and pleasant smile were always present when friends paid him a visit. County officials relied on him for much advice which he was always happy to give.

After serving in the Spanish-American War, he studied law at Warrensburg, Mo., and was admitted to the bar in 1901. At that time he located in Tuscumbia where he practiced his profession and operated an abstract office. In 1904, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Miller County and served other terms in the same capacity. He was appointed as circuit judge of the old 14th judicial circuit and served from 1930 to 1933.

Judge Stillwell was an active citizen in his community. He had served as a member of the board of education, had been president of the Bank of Tuscumbia, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Judge Stillwell was born in Harrison, Arkansas. In 1905 he was married to Lydia C. Fendorf, who passed away several years ago. The surviving children are Roger Stillwell of Eldon, Robert Stillwell of Alton, Illinois and Mrs. Raymond Hagener of Willow Springs, Missouri. Later in life he was married to Mrs. Susan Wells who survives. Two stepchildren, Mrs. Carl Castle and Wm. Speedy also survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon of this week at the Tuscumbia Presbyterian Church. Interment was made in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, August 1980
Mrs. Edith A. Helton, 76, Tuscumbia, died Thursday, August 7, 1980, in a St. Louis hospital. She was born January 11, 1904, at Bagnell, the daughter of Austin and Frances Darr Wolverton. She was married Nov. 12, 1924, to Addison Ervin Helton who died October 30, 1947.

A lifelong resident of Miller County, Mrs. Helton was a member of the Elm Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two sons, Bennett F. Helton, Tuscumbia, and Bernard B. Heltion, National City, California; three daughters, Mrs. Sue Jarrett, National City, California, Mrs Avis Hines, Winfield and Mrs. _____ Eagles, Lockwood.

Three brothers, Barnett Wolverton, Kansas City, _____ Wolverton, Baltimore, Md., and Wendell Wolverton, Jefferson City; a sister, Mrs. Maude Paul, Overland ____, ____ grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Mount Zion Christian Church, Tuscumbia, with the Rev. Gene Edwards and the Rev. Larry Schraer officiating. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home, Iberia.

Juanita Taylor 77, of Columbia died Saturday, Jan 27, 1996, at Lenoir Retirement Health Center in Columbia. She was born Aug 1, 1918 in Iberia to Clarence and Cora Adams Casey. On Aug 11, 1941, she was married in Richland to Dr. Lewis A. Taylor Jr., who survives at the home.

Mrs. Taylor was a 2939 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and taught high school in several school districts, including Mexico, Mo. She was a member of the Marshfield First Baptist Church and American Legion Auxiliary Post _05 at Cole Camp. She lived at Cole Camp briefly and then Marshfield before moving to Columbia.

Other survivors include a daughter, Suzanne Henage of Columbia; a son, Dr. Lewis A. Taylor III of Denton, Tex.; a sister, Martha Gertrude Bunge of Springfield; a brother, George John Casey of Springfield; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp with the Rev. Marc Hibbard officiating. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery at Cole Camp. Memorial contributions may be made to the Taylor Scholarship Fund for Cole Camp High School.

Eileen Mayfield Humphrey, 91, of Lenexa, KS, died Sunday, August 5, 2007 at Delmar Gardens of Lenexa. Memorial Services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 11, 2007, at the Porter Funeral Home, 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, Ks.

Eileen was born December 20, 1915, in Ulman, Mo to L.J. and Dora Mayfield. She was an elementary teacher and later was employed at H.D. Lee before her retirement. She was a former member of Grandview Baptist Church, Kansas City, KS.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wade Humphrey, brothers Asa Mayfield, Bert Mayfield and sisters Icie Fendorf and Lois Adcock. She is survived by a sister Blanche Haines, Lenexa, KS, and numerous nephews.


Mr. Johnson attended the University of Missouri and worked at Curtis Wright Airplane Manufacturer as a payroll supervisor during World War II. An interest in the financial world led him to a 23-year career with Universal C.I.T. Rather than leave Florida, he joined Barnett Banks of Florida in 1968 as the second full-time employee. He retired in 1988 as senior executive vice
president. He pioneered Barnett’s entry into the consumer loan business and Bank Americard, a predecessor of VISA. He also was Barnett’s chief lobbyist in Tallahassee and Washington.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dee; a son, Dr. John W. Sesney of Escanaba, Mich.; a daughter, Ann J. Greene; five grandchildren; two brothers, Gene Johnson and the Rev. Harry Johnson; and a sister, Irene Weldon of Fayetteville, Ga.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Mandarin United Methodist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Jacksonville (Florida) Humane Society, the Boy Scouts or the Mandarin United Methodist Church Youth Program.

Unknown Publication, August 1984

**Ruby M. Hawken**, 67, of Kansas City, Kan., died Friday, Aug. 10, at her home. She was born in Tuscumbia, Feb 3, 1917, and had lived in Kansas City, Kan. since 1943. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer (Edith Clark) Flaugher of Tuscumbia. Her husband, William Wayne Hawken, died in 1969.

She was a 40-year member of Victoria Tabernacle Church where she was a Sunday school week-day church school and Vacation Bible school teacher there. She was also a member of the church choir.

Surviving are a son, Donald Wayne Hawken, Kansas City, Kan.; three daughters, Helen L. Hawken and Jayne Hughey, both of Kansas City, Kan. And Sharon A. Briscoe of Herdon, Va.; three brothers, Barney Flaugher of Tuscumbia, Bobby Gene Flaugher of Kansas City, and Harry Wayne Flaugher of Rocky Mount; and four sisters, Mrs. Oma Miller and Mrs. Beulah Ahart of Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn of Brumley and Mrs. Betty Helton of Eldon; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Victoria Tabernacle Church with burial in the Chapel Hill Cemetery. The Fulton-Nickel Funeral home was in charge of the services and the family suggested memorials to the Cancer Action, Victoria Tabernacle Church or Catholic charities.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, November 1989

**Bernice Irene Mobley**, 84, of Iberia, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1989, at Phelps County Regional Hospital in Rolla. She was born Nov. 16, 1905, in Tuscumbia to Arthur and Nancy Hawken Small. On May 10, 1925, she was married in Tuscumbia to Russell Mobley, who survives.

Mrs. Mobley worked as a seamstress at Ft. Leonard Wood for 20 years, retiring in 1969. She was a member of the Iberia First Baptist Church and the Iberia American Legion Auxiliary. Surviving in addition to her husband, are nieces and nephews: John Messersmith of Virginia, William Small and Nancy Collins of Kansas, Richard Phillips of Texas, Matt Small of Oregon, Mildred Gray of Georgia, Betty Smith of Colorado and Barbara Small of California.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Iberia First Baptist Church with the Rev. Haskell Orrick officiating. Burial will be in the Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be held after 5 p.m. Thursday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia.

Unknown Publication, February 4, 1926

One of Tuscumbia’s families was overshadowed in the darkest gloom and the town saddened last week when two deaths occurred in the home of Charles Messersmith. On Thursday evening at six o’clock, Ida Helen, their little daughter, passed away, and on Saturday at 4 o’clock, Hiram, the father of Charles, died.

Hiram was a pioneer citizen of Miller County. He was born in Cole County near Hickory Hill, August 14, 1842. The family moved to Miller County near St. Elizabeth when he was nine years old.
When the trouble arose between the North and the South, Hiram became a member of the Home Guards in 1861 and served two years. In 1863, he enlisted in the 18th Missouri Cavalry and served two years. He was engaged in a number of battles, including Tupelo, Miss., Selma, Ala., Corinth, Miss., and Nashville, Tenn.

After the close of the war, 1869, he was united in marriage to Harriet Rowden of the east part of Miller County. His wife died in 1918 of influenza at Tuscumbia, his daughter, Idella, dying at the same time of the same epidemic. At that time he also had the influenza and since that time has been an invalid. He has been making his home with his son, Charles, since the death of his wife.

Ida Helen Messersmith was born at Tuscumbia July 21, 1916, died January 28, 1926 of a heart lesion or ulcerated heart valve. The family was living at Iberia when she had an attack of heart trouble, which brought about invalidism, the ailment probably being the result of an attack of influenza. When her father was elected assessor, she came with her parents to Tuscumbia and attended public school until November when she suffered a recurrent attack of the old trouble, and since then has hovered between life and death until the end came. Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, John, and two sisters, Waneta and Mildred.

Beautiful services were held at the Christian Church Saturday afternoon for the two. Rev. J.C. Thompson of Brumley, delivered the sermon. This double funeral was more than unusual in that the Messersmith family in the past ten years has experienced two other similar sorrows. During the influenza epidemic in 1918, Mrs. Hiram Messersmith and her daughter, Mrs. Fidella Goodnough – balance missing

Unknown Publication, August 1994

R. C. "Cleo" Woody, 80, Clovis, Calif., died Sunday, August 28, 1994, at St. Agnes Hospital, Fresno, Calif. He was born Jan. 11, 1914, in Wildcherry, Ark., the son of William and Mary Barker Woody. He was married Jan. 6, 1933, in Tuscumbia, to Inez Wyrick, who survives of the home.

He worked as a mechanic at Perkins Chevrolet in Iberia for several years. He moved to Clinton, where he owned and operated the Oldsmobile and Cadillac dealership. He then moved to Merriville, Ind., where he worked as a salesman with Townsend Motor Company for 23 years. He moved to Fresno in 1982. He was a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge 548 in Clinton.

Other survivors include: two sons, Jerry Woody, Lee's Summit, and Don Woody, San Antonio, Texas; one sister, Lena Hampton, Stuttgart, Ark.; one brother, O.W. Woody, Kingsburg, Calif.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Tuscumbia. The Rev. Dennis McLaughlin will officiate. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - noon Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.

Rekus Funeral Home Web site, August 11, 2008

Jada Lynn Rowden, infant daughter of Terry Lynn and Natashia Lynn (Pritchett) Rowden, was stillborn at Lake Regional Hospital on Monday, August 11, 2008. Her parents survive in Ulman.

Other survivors include one sister, Haley Marie Rowden of the home; one brother, Hestin Clarence Paul Rowden of the home; paternal grandfather, Pat Rowden and wife JoAnn of Brumley; paternal grandmother, Mary Jones and husband Ted of Brumley; paternal great-grandmother, Bessie Rowden of Springfield; maternal grandparents, Paul and Sherry Pritchett of Iberia; maternal great-grandparents, Kenneth and Brenda Pritchett of Iberia; maternal great-grandmother, Brenda Crow and husband George of Belton; maternal great-grandfather, Guy McMillan and wife Mary of Excelsior Springs; maternal great-great-grandfather, Joe McMillan of Henrietta, maternal great-great-grandmother, Grace Chandler of Camden, Tennessee; and several aunts and uncles.
Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Rev. Dennis Nichols will officiate.

Shirley L. Allen, age 81, of Eldon, died Monday, August 11, 2008, at North Fulton Regional Hospital in Roswell, Georgia. She was born in Farmington, Michigan on July 25, 1927, a daughter of the late Elmer and Lillian (Martin) Harris. On April 18, 1959, in Port Huron, Michigan, she was married to Don Allen, who survives at the home. Shirley was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Eldon.

Others who survive her include: four children, Ron Hershberger and wife Judith of Wentzville, Ken Allen and wife Vicki Dawn of Virginia City, Nevada, Darrell Allen of San Diego, California and Dan Allen of Eldon; eleven grandchildren, Wesley Hershberger, Sarah, Stephen, Seth and Rachel Middendorf, Amy Benedict, Lydia Brady, Kara, Courtney, Alisia and Bryan Allen; 14 great grandchildren; one brother, Elmer Harris of Milan, Michigan and one sister Vida Couture of Canton, Georgia. Two sisters, Helen Walker and Arlene Lyon, also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 16, at Church of the Nazarene in Eldon. Rev. Jerry Frye will officiate. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Unknown Publication, August 1924

Mabel Louise Snodgrass, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. C.D. Snodgrass, was born at Dixon Dec. 26, 1923; died at Brumley, MO. at the age of 8 months and 5 days. She was sick but a very few days. The funeral was conducted by the writer (H.H. Diestelkamp) at Lindell, Mo., Sep. 2, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Snodgrass Cemetery.

Unknown Publicatoin, August 1923

Abra May, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Evans, was born March 2, 1922, and died Aug 24th, 1923; age one year, five months and twenty-two days.

She leaves father, mother and two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Her little sister, Louie, has preceded her to the grave. All was done that loving hands and skilled physicians could do; but a Power mightier than man claimed her to a just reward. The darling little one was very sick only 9 days with whooping cough which ran into bronchial pneumonia fever.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Philips, a Missionary Baptist Preacher. She was buried in the burial grounds at Granite City—Written by her aunt, Mrs. Milton Neal.

Unknown Publication, August 1923

William Jackson Grosvenor was born in Miller County Dec. 24, 1874; was killed in an automobile accident near his house in Dawson, Okla., Aug 28, 1923. At the age of 23 he was married to Elizabeth Palmer who, together with one son and four daughters, survive him; one child dying in infancy.

Five years ago the father, mother and three children united with the Church of Christ at Smyrna. Shortly after this they went to Dawson, Okla., to make their home. Previous to this most of his life had been spent in Miller County, he having resided a few months on a farm in Camden County. He was well and favorably known in this and adjacent neighborhoods and all were saddened by the news of his untimely death.

When this accident occurred, he and his son, Leslie, were in a car. The son was driving but asked his father to drive and in some manner while making the change at the steering wheel they lost control and the car went off the side of a culvert into water, turning over and pinning the
father down in the mud and water and drowning him. The son was seriously hurt but worked heroically to save his father.

Besides wife and five children he leaves five grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters to cherish his name and mourn their loss.

N.L. Palmer and G.R. Grosvenor went to Dixon Friday night following to meet the wife and two daughters who were bringing the body to be buried at the family burial grounds near the Palmer home in Maries County. A large crowd attended the funeral services which were conducted by Eld. Gorham at three o’clock on Sunday afternoon after which the remains were laid to rest.—White School Correspondent

Unknown Publication, July 1923

**John C. Topping** was born May the 28th, 1847, and died July 4th, 1923, at his home near Wet Glaize, Mo., aged 76 years, 1 month and 6 days old. He was married to Rhoda Davidson June 6, 1875. To this union 9 children were born: Mrs. Tilla Thomas of Sarcoxie, Mo., Mrs. Dora Jarrett of Wet Glaize, Mo., Mrs. Lizzie Morrison of Strang, Okla., Mrs. Effie Gott of Brumley, Mrs. Dora Musick of St. Louis, Frank of Los Angeles, Calif., Willis and Homer of Strang, Okla., and Willard of Wichita, Kans., all of whom are living.

He ran the journey of life here in Miller County until the past two years among his many relatives and friends. It is a path marked with deeds of neighborly kindness and truthfulness. He died as he lived, trusting God.

Unknown Publication, July 1923

**Geo. W. Plemmons** was born near Brumley, Miller County, Mo., Nov. 14, 1858; died July 12, 1923; aged 65 years 8 months and 28 days. He was first married to Louisa Christian in 1877, who has preceded him to the grave. To this union two children were born; one died in infancy and the other, Carol Plemmons, resides in Kansas.

He was then married to Betty McDowell who also preceded him to grave and to this union two children were born, one died an infant. The other, Oliver Plemmons, who lives at Pratt, Kan., was at his bedside at the time of his death.

He was last married to Mary M. Winfrey September 20, 1891. To this union two children were born—Mrs. Obra Catron and Izettia Plemmons. They were at his bedside at the time of his death.

He leaves a wife, four children and nine grandchildren to mourn his loss. All was done that loving hands and skilled physicians could do, but a power mightier than man has claimed him to a just reward. He was faithful and true to his Lord.

The funeral was preached at the home by Rev. Geo. W. Payne and Rev. J.C. Thompson, after which his remains were laid to rest at the Hawkins cemetery to await the judgment day.

Unknown Publication, July 1923

Three drowned in the Osage Sunday afternoon while bathing in the river at the mouth of the Big Saline. **Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Henderson** and Mrs. **Abe Hagans** stepped into a washout, and not being able to swim, clung to each other and were drowned. Mr. Hagans himself was a good swimmer and tried to rescue them, but had to give up the attempt as they had drawn him under the second time. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Hagans were sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson had two little girls, about three and six years of age, who were standing on the gravel bar nearby and witnessed the accident. Mr. and Mrs. Hagans had a boy about 12 years of age, who was also in the party.

The bodies of Henderson and Mrs. Hagans were recovered before night, that of Mrs. Henderson was recovered about two o’clock Monday morning. W.A. Phillips, undertaker of Eldon, took charge of the bodies.
Absalom Bear, another one of the aged Civil War veterans and for many years one of Miller County’s most influential citizens, passed away at his home near Watkins last Saturday morning following a prolonged illness. Mr. Bear was a civic, religious and political leader among his fellow men and his passing will leave a vacancy hard to fill.

Absalom Bear, born April 1, 1842, in Hocken County, Ohio, died August 27, 1932, age 90 years 4 months and 27 days. He came with his parents from Ohio to Miller County, Missouri in 1857, and located near Tuscumbia. He was the son of George and Elizabeth Bear, the sixth in a family of nine brothers and two sisters, all of whom have preceded him in death, except his youngest brother, David, of Tuscumbia, Missouri.

When the Civil War was declared he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia Volunteers and served three and one-half years in the Union Army. At the close of the War he returned to Miller County and on December 5, 1872, was married to Mary Catherine Spearman and located on a farm near Hickory Point where he resided until his death.

To this union were born ten children, two of whom died. Sarah Catherine at the age of 8 years and seven months and Varonica Amy at the age of twelve years and nine months. His wife Mary Catherine preceded him in death April 1, 1905, at the age of 53 years, 3 months and 4 days. Eight children survive: Nancy and Edna at home, George of Kansas City, Missouri, Mrs. Martha Atteberry of Atoka, Oklahoma and Zabedee also of Oklahoma. Mrs. Zella Livingston of Iowa City, Iowa, John K. of Iberia, Missouri and Frank C., Shreveport, Louisiana. There are also eleven grandchildren all of whom survive.

He united with the Spearman Christian Church in 1873. He helped organize the Christian Church at Hickory Point in 1878 and was an elder in the church until his death.

He was also active in all community enterprises and served two terms as Judge of the Second District, one term as presiding Judge of the County Court of Miller County and one term as Representative in the State Legislature.

Funeral services were held at the Hickory Point Christian Church at 2 o’clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. W.H. Scott of Eldon officiated, giving a very helpful and impressive sermon. An appropriate song service was rendered, led by Mr. Tennyson Wright and choir. The body was laid to rest in Hickory Point Cemetery, burial services conducted by Clarence L. Casey, assisted by the American Legion of Iberia. Numerous relatives and friends attended and several floral offerings spoke plainly of the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Little Marion Rosalee Hensley, daughter of Colmer and Lottie Hensley, was born near Iberia on Feb. 2, 1928. She entered into peaceful sleep about 12:30 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 1932, at the age of 4 years, 6 months, 16 days.

Little Marion Rosalee took sick several days ago with diphtheria and all that medical science and loving hands could do failed to check the dreaded disease.

She was a sweet child. A little pink rose has faded to bloom again in the heaven land where it will never fade again, no doubt heaven will be more sweeter since she has gone there.

She leaves to mourn her going: father, mother, three brothers, Wendel Junior, Bobby John and one sister, Golden Fay, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woody, and lots of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service and interment was held at Union. Services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Sooter, Sr. Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Louisa C. Mace was born April 1, 1865, in Saline County, Illinois. With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mace, she came to Missouri and settled on the old Mace homestead just a
short distance west of Iberia, where she spent her girlhood days. She united with the Baptist Church at the age of sixteen years and remained a member of this church until her death.

She was married to Hervey W. Groff, November 5, 1883, and to this union four children were born, Benjamin and Chester Groff of Iberia, Mo., Mrs. Victor Johnson of Crocker, Mo., and Archie E. Groff of Houston, Texas.

She died at her home in Iberia July 11, 1933, age 68 years, 3 months and 10 days. Besides her husband and four children, she is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Dave P. Farnham, Mrs. Ernest Benage and Mrs. John Musick of Iberia and Mrs. Mary Arnold of Sedalia, Mo., and one brother, W.T. Mace of Springfield, Mo., also eleven grandchildren.

Beautiful and impressive funeral services, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Fred Phillips, were held from the Iberia Baptist Church Thursday morning, July 13th at 10 o’clock. The body was then conveyed to the town cemetery where members of the local Eastern Star Lodge, of which she was a member, performed the last sad rites over the body.

Lake Sun Leader, Friday, August 15, 2008

Vestal Ray Wall, 80, of Bonner Springs, Kansas, passed away Thursday, August 14 at his home. Mr. Wall was born on March 4, 1928, in Crocker, Mo., and had moved to the Bonner Springs, Kan. Area in the early 1960s.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War. He worked for Southwest Steel Fabricators in Bonner Springs for 29 years, retiring in 1990. He was a Baptist. He enjoyed working on all kinds of projects, fixing all kinds of things. Most of all he loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by one son, Randy Wall of Bonner Springs; three daughters, Debbie Thomas and husband Jimmie of Bonner Springs, Pamela Taylor and husband Bryan of Shawnee, Kansas, and Tina Matthews and husband Kevin also of Bonner Springs; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two brothers and four sisters as well as many other family and friends that will miss him greatly. He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 50 years, Gertrude Wall in May 2002.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug 19, 2008, at the Alden-Harrington Funeral Home in Bonner Springs, Kan., with burial to follow in Bonner Springs Cemetery. Friends may call at the visitation from 6-8 p.m. Monday evening Aug. 18 at the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Alden-Harrington Funeral Home of Bonner Springs.

Ancestry.com, Wednesday, May 15, 2001

Services for Gertrude Wall, 69, Bonner Springs, were May 10 at the Alder-Harrington Chapel, Bonner Springs. Burial was in the Bonner Springs Cemetery, Bonner Springs. Mrs. Wall died Tuesday, May 7, at Providence Medical center, Kansas City, Kan.

Gertie was born April 27, 1933, in Crocker, MO. She was cashier for Wal-Mart on State Avenue, Kansas City, Kan. She was a Baptist. She was an avid gardener and loved her flowers. She formerly worked at Continental Can Co., Lenexa, Kan. She was preceded in death by her mother, Pearl Ann Davis, in 1995.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Ray Vestal Wall, of the home; one son, Randy Wall, Bonner Springs, Pamela and husband Bryan Taylor, Shawnee, and Tina and husband Kevin Matthews, Bonner Springs; Six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Iberia Sentinel, July 1933

The Death Angel has again invaded another Iberia home and taken from our midst, Dr. William A. von Gremp, a capable and successful physician here for many years. Death occurred at about ten o’clock last Saturday evening, July 15th.
Dr. von Gremp had enjoyed normal health up until a few weeks ago when he became afflicted with a throat trouble which grew alarming. On June 11th he went to Chicago to consult a specialist in regard to his condition and a few days later submitted to an operation. He seemed to be getting along satisfactorily from the operation and was able to be brought home July 7th. After returning home, although confined to his bed, he apparently seemed to improve until a short time before his death, when he complained of pains about his chest which soon gave the family warning of the impending danger. Dr. Duncan, local physician, and Dr. Mallett of Crocker were called and before the latter arrived, Dr. von Gremp had passed away. The immediate cause of his death was pronounced a blood clot in the artery leading to the heart.

Dr. von Gremp was born in Maries County, Missouri, June 22, 1869. His parents were of German ancestry, evidently belonging to the nobility. He received his early education in the public schools of Weaubleu and Columbia, Missouri. He continued his education at the University of Missouri and in 1893 completed his medical course at the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons which conferred upon him the degree of M.D. He first located for practice at Dixon, Mo. About 1898 he entered upon practice at Iberia where he has since remained with the exception of a few years. He was first married to Miss Emily Pickering who died at an early age. To this union was born his son, Walter, who is a captain in the United States Army and is at present stationed in northern Michigan.

On June 13, 1900, at Iberia, Dr. von Gremp was united in marriage to Miss Annie Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, one of the pioneer families of Iberia. This union is survived by two sons, Blufford and Ellis, and two daughters, Zella and Vivian. The deceased is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Louis Conley of Columbia, Mo. His brother, Henry von Gremp, also a physician, died at his home in Dixon a few years ago.

Dr. von Gremp enjoyed a wide practice which included southern Miller County and extended into the neighboring counties of Maries and Pulaski. He not only possessed a broad scientific knowledge, but also a humanitarian spirit which found expression in cheer, helpfulness and sympathy.

The deceased was a member of the Congregational Church at Iberia. Fraternally he was a Mason, member of the local order. Concluding the services at the home, the body was conveyed to the town cemetery where the last rites were solemnly performed by members of the Masonic fraternity, after which burial was made under direction of the local undertaking firm of Adams and Casey.

Unknown Publication, April 1933

Miss Nancy Bear, highly respected and well known Christian woman of the Hickory Point neighborhood, passed away at her home on Wednesday, April 26, following a brief illness of pneumonia.

Nancy Elizabeth Bear was born February 1, 1875, at Iberia, Miller County, Missouri. Died April 26, 1933, age 58 years, 2 months and 26 days. She was the daughter of Absalom and Mary Catharine Bear, both deceased. She was the second in a family of six sisters and four brothers. Two sisters, Varoncia Amy and Sarah Catharine, preceded her in death. Four brothers, George Thomas, Henry Zebadee, John K. and Absalom Frank and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Atteberry, Edna Ora and Mrs. Mary Zella Livigston, survive.

Her mother died April 1, 1905, 28 years ago. Since then Nancy has been a mother to the family and took care of her father who passed on the last August, just eight months ago.

She united with the Christian Church at Hickory Point, May 26, 1896, and since that time has been an active member, contributing much to the entire community thru her loyalty and devotion to the cause of Christ and thru her ever readiness to care for the sick and needy.

Funeral services were held at the Hickory Point Christian Church at 3 o’clock Friday afternoon, and the body was laid to rest in the Hickory Point Cemetery. The beautiful service was conducted by Rev. S.A. Crouch of Tuscumbia, assisted by Rev. Orlando Woods, and music
by Tennyson Wright and quartet of Tuscumbia, also the lovely floral offerings showed the great devotion of all who knew her. Clarence Casey of Iberia was funeral director.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, August 21, 2008

Kathleen Ann “Kathi” Agee, 56, of Independence, MO passed away Friday, August 8, 2008, at Centerpoint Medical Center, Independence, MO. Kathi was born June 4, 1952 to Justin and Evelyn (Wyrick) Bonnot who preceded her in death along with her brother, Harold Bonnot. Kathi is survived by her husband of 18 years, Mark Agee of Independence, MO; daughter Christine Carothers, her husband Ernest and children Gage, Briana, and Caleb; son, Brian Sanning and children Cody and Kayla; daughter Melanie Olson, her husband Ken and children Madalin and Tanner; three siblings, Billie Pittrich, Betty Kuster, J.C. Bonnot Jr.; mother-in-law, Norma Agee; sister-in-law, Arlene Keith; and a host of extended family and many friends.

A visitation was from 1-3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14 with a service following at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion Christian Church. Burial was at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Tuscumbia.

John S. Hickman, 95, of Holts Summit died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1008, at Villa Marie Skilled Nursing Facility in Jefferson City. He was born July 4, 1913, in Brumley to Sherman and Eliza E. Brown Hickman. He was married July 8 1934, in Eldon to Bettie B. Hoskins who died Sept 28, 1997. Mr. Hickman attended the West Aurora School in Miller County. He was a farmer all of his life in Miller County and Moberly. He also was a brakeman for the Rock Island and the Norfolk & Western Railroad from November 1942 until his retirement in November 1970. HE was a member of the Union Hill Baptist Church in Holts Summit, the National Associatioio of Retired Veteran Railroad Employees and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are three daughters, Marion Mayes and Margaret Carter, both of Jefferson City, and Alice Richardson of St. Joseph; three sons, J. Stanley Hickman of Grain Valley, Donald Hickman of Overton, Texas, and the Rev. Robert Hickman of Kansas City; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at 10 am. Saturday at the Union Hill Baptist Church in Holts Summit. Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery in Moberly under the direction of Slater-Millard Family Funeral Chapel in Holts Summit. Memorials may be made to the Union Hill Baptist Church, 460 S. Summit Dr., Holts Summit, MO 65043

Ellen Lorena Baker, age 97, of Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center, formerly of Ulman, passed away Thursday, August 14, 2008, at Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center, Tuscumbia. She was born on March 31, 1911, in Ray County, Missouri, the daughter of Homer Lee and Myrtle Maggie Clevenger. She was preceded in death by her parents and first husband, Dr. Paul Lewis Welch, along with two brothers, Garnett Clevenger and Almus Eugene Clevenger. Lorena, as most folks called her, worked in the laboratory of a hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, and that is where she met her first husband, Dr. Paul Welch. They resided in Harrisonville, Missouri, and Creighton, Missouri, for a time, eventually moving to a farm near Ulman in 1966. Dr. Welch passed away in 1969. Ellen Lorena shared a love of farm life with William S. Baker of Ulman and they married in 1971. Stanley and Lorena were happily married for 37 years. She took an active interest in all school activities her son was involved in, and served as president of the PTA in Creighton. She also had a love of animals. While in Creighton, she bred and sold registered wire-haired terrier dogs. She loved and cared for dozens of cats and dogs in her life. Ellen Lorena was also a music lover and encouraged her son Robert to pursue music, purchasing his first guitar and drum set for him.

Ellen Lorena Baker was a member of the Brumley Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, William Stanley Baker, a resident of Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center;
one son, Robert and his wife Donna, of Dubuque, Iowa; one granddaughter, Misty Woolf and
husband Chris, of Dubuque, Iowa; and a niece, Shirley Nolker and husband Gene, of Lawson,
Missouri.

The surviving family especially wants to thank Dr. C. Haggerty for the loving care he
provided for so many years, Rhonda Chapman of Social Services, and thank you to each and
every member of the assisted living staff and the skilled staff of Miller County Care and
Rehabilitation Center for their kindness, comfort and care.

Visitation was held from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, at Rekus
Funeral Home in Iberia. Services followed at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Gene Edwards officiating.
Interment was in Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to
Hawkins Cemetery.

Juanita Sullivan, 87, of Lake Ozark died Thursday, Aug 14, 2008, in Osage Beach. She
was born Sept. 4, 1920, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, to Earle and Pearl Mockler Rice. She was married

Mrs. Sullivan was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon. She was a
member of the Eastern Star, the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 2442 at Eldon, the Ladies
Auxiliary of the Eldon Knights of Columbus and the White Shrine.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Brandt of Lake Ozark and Sara Absher of Trenton,
Fla.; two sons, Charles Sullivan of Hobart, Ind., and Daris Reynolds of Noblesville, Ind.; 13
grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at St. Louis
at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Philips Funeral Home of Eldon.
Memorials may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon.

Maude May Hutchison, 91, of Osage Beach, formerly of Brumley, died Thursday, Aug
14, 2008, at the Lake Ozark Retirement Center. She was born August 30, 1916, in the Bend
community east of Vienna to Jesse Washington and Flossie Adeline Terry Gillispie. She
was married Aug. 21, 1947, near Vienna to Joseph Adolphus Hutchison.

Her mother died Nov. 8, 1918; her father on Feb. 18, 1976, and her husband on Nov. 26,
2004.

Mrs. Hutchison attended Bend Grade School and was a 2934 graduate of Vienna High
School. She taught one term at the Terry School near Vienna. On Aug 9, 1937, she accepted a
job with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and worked there for 10 years. She and her
husband moved to Brumley in 1973. In 2004, she moved to Osage Beach and on Aug. 2, 2008,
she moved to the retirement center.

Mrs. Hutchison accepted Jesus Christ as her Personal Saviour and was baptized in 1931.
She was a long-time member of the Grace Fellowship Church in Osage Beach. She was a former
member of the Rainbow Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, Vienna.

Surviving are three children and their husbands: John and Mary Hutchison of Brumley,
Mary and Alan House of Lake Ozark and Ruth and Keith Pennock of Eldon; a granddaughter,
Susan Hutchison Ackerman and husband Robert Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; and a great-
greatdaughter, Ava Ackerman of Columbus.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in the Vienna Chapel of Birmingham-
Martin Funeral Homes with Alan House of Grace Fellowship Church in Osage Beach officiating.
Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery near Vienna.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Friday, August 22, 2008
Cance Clinton Cardwell, age 76, of Jefferson City, died Thursday, August 21, 2008, at Villa Marie Skilled Nursing Facility. He was born January 17, 1932, in Ulman, a son of Fred and Grace Patterson Cardwell. He was a graduate of Tuscumbia High School.

On February 12, 1982, he was united in marriage in Miami, Oklahoma to Martha “Liz” Cardwell, who survives at the home.

Cance was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a draftsman and surveyor for Central Missouri Professional Services for 35 years until his retirement in 2005. He enjoyed going to and being part of auctions.

He is survived by four children: Jeannine Blankenship and husband William of Iberia, Greg Cardwell of Iberia, Kevin Cardwell and wife Ruth Ann of Iberia, Russell Cardwell and wife Denise of Lutz, Florida; three stepchildren: Martha Ann Westhoff of Jefferson City, Matt Westhoff of Fullerton, California, Mark Westhoff and wife Valerie of Racine, Wisconsin; one brother, Jim Cardwell and wife Connie of Eldon; two sisters: Barbara Hutchison of California, Rita Robinett of Russellville; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 25, 2008 at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home where funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Murl Nash officiating. Interment will follow in the Gott Cemetery near Ulman

Iberia Sentinel, March 1933

John K. Wallis, well known former resident of Iberia and one of the comparatively few remaining Civil War veterans, died at the home of his son, Clifford, near Montreal in Camden County, Sunday, March 19. A year or more ago Mr. Wallis went to visit in the home of his son, and shortly after arriving there he fell and broke his hip which prevented his returning to Iberia. Since that time he continued to fall in health until death came as a relief. At the time of his death he was 89 years, 9 months and 21 days old.

Mr. Wallis resided in the community in which he died for many years. But after the death of his first wife and his marriage to Mrs. Margaret Whittle of Miller County, he bought a home in Iberia and lived here until he suffered the above mentioned injury. He joined the Union Army when quite young and served throughout the Civil War.

Mr. Wallis is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Margaret Wallis of Iberia, six or seven sons and three daughters, besides a host of other relatives.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith, were held from the Freedom Christian Church in Camden County of which he was a member, Tuesday morning, after which burial was made in the cemetery at that place. Adams & Casey funeral directors of Iberia, had charge of the funeral.

Iberia Sentinel, April 1933

The sad news reached here last week that Mrs. Mary E. Hodgden, formerly of Iberia, died March 28, in Center Point, Iowa, at the home of her nephew, J. Fay Newland with whom she has made her home for the past five years. Mrs. Hodgden and her husband, Henry Hodgden made their home in Iberia and vicinity for many years and were two of our most beloved and highly respected citizens. A few years after Mr. Hodgden’s death, January 30, 1921, she went to Iowa to make her home with her nephew.

The following clipping is taken from the Center Point Independent of April 6, 1933, giving an account of her death and a brief sketch of her life:

“Mary Ellen Newland, daughter of Andrew Allen and Sarah Argo Newland was born June 5, 1846, in Union County, Ohio, and passed away March 28, 1933 at the home of her nephew, J. Fay Newland in Center Point, Iowa.

“She lived in Ohio during her childhood and early womanhood until she was married August 22, 1869 to Henry Hodgden. Then they moved to Missouri where he died January 30,
1921. No children were born to this union but they adopted a pair of three weeks old twins, a
daughter, Alice May, who lived only three months and a son, Albert Fay, who also passed away,
September 20, 1925. After losing these members of her immediate family and being of advanced
age, she came to Central Point in July five years ago and has since made her home with her
nephews, Mark A. and J. Fay Newland.

“Mrs. Hodgden joined the Christian Church at an early age, and was always a most
devout Christian enjoying her work in the church as long as she was physically able and her Bible
was her great comfort. Her favorite passage of scripture was, “Fear God, and keep his
commandments—That is the whole duty of man”—and that was the law by which she lived.

“Ever thoughtful of others cheerful disposition and always a gentlewoman. She had been
in failing health for some time, due to her old age of nearly eighty-seven years. She is survived
by a foster grandson and granddaughter and nieces and nephews.

“Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Newland home where she last
lived, conducted by Rev. Jenks of the First Christian Church who used the text above quoted.
The body was placed in the Center Point Cemetery by the side of her father and mother, her
brother, H.D. Newland and her grandmother, May Allen Newland.”

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1933

Mrs. R.M. Livingston of near Iberia received a long distance message Sunday morning
informing her that her son, Carl Durham, was seriously injured and three of his young
companions instantly killed in an automobile accident near Springfield early Sunday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Livingston left immediately to be at his bedside in the Springfield Baptist Hospital
where he was taken for treatment. His skull was crushed and both arms broken.

Word reached here Tuesday that young Durham died about four o’clock that morning
without regaining consciousness.

According to the Springfield press reports, Carl and his three companions, Carl
Koeneman, Harry Edward Gibson and Mrs. Mildred Tatum Weaver had attended a dance at a
road house known as Horseshoe Stables, a few miles south of Springfield. It is believed the party
left the dance about 2 o’clock to go for a ride before returning to Springfield. The four young
people were riding in a small coupe and as they were evidently speeding along the highway at the
curve on James River hill, where route 60 leaves 65 about 9 miles southeast of Springfield, the
car plunged over the embankment at this point.

Before making the fatal plunge the car left the pavement and headed for the ravine
without striking the guardrail which had been erected along the highway further up the road. The
coup’s speed carried it along the rim of the ravine on two wheels until he top crashed into a large
telephone poll. The telephone pole was clipped off in two places, leaving the cross-arms
dangling from the wires in mid-air.

In the crash the car’s occupants were thrown into the ravine and the car fell on top of
them. Passing motorists were attracted to the scene of the accident by the burning tail light of the
car and the groans of young Durham who was found unconscious crumpled up in a heap by the
side of his dead companions.

The death of young Durham Tuesday morning leaves no living witness to the tragic
accident. Such fate snuffed out the lives of four young people who but a few moments earlier
were enjoying the pleasures of youth.

Mrs. Mildred Tatum Weaver was the estranged wife of Paul Weaver and was employed
at the Oberman Manufacturing Company in Springfield. She was a sister of Charles and W.A.
Tatum of Springfield and Allen Tatum of Granite City, Ill.

Carl Koeneman, also of Springfield, was a photographer’s assistant.

Harry Edward Gibson was a former employee at a sandwich shop in Springfield.

Carl Durham, son of Mrs. R.M. Livingston of near Iberia, made his home with his sister,
Mrs. Ethel Doss in Springfield. He was captain of the Senior High School football team while a
Funeral services of Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Gibson were held Monday and burial at Springfield. The body of young Koeneman was taken to Mt. Vernon, the home of his parents. The funeral and burial of Carl Durham will probably take place at Springfield Wednesday.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1933

Mrs. Sisley Davidson, widow of the late Z.S. Davidson, well known and highly respected resident of south Miller County, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Hendricks, Tuesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Davidson had been in failing health for the past few years and had been making her home with her daughter.

Sisley Wilson was born near Iberia on July 31, 1866. She passed away Tuesday afternoon, March 28, 1933, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Hendricks, of R.F.D. 2, Iberia, Mo., being at the time of her death 66 years, 7 months and 28 days old.

About 52 years ago she was united in marriage to Z.S. Davidson who preceded her in death a few years ago. They were blessed with four children, namely: W.A. Davidson of Tulsa, Okla., John W., who passed away at the age of 18 months; Mrs. Johnny James and Mrs. Bert Hendricks of Iberia, Mo. Besides the three children, Mrs. Davidson leaves to cherish her memory, one sister, Mrs. C.M. Rowden of Big Piney, Mo., and four grandchildren, Mrs. Ina B. Hilt, Otto and Arthur Davidson and Otis James.

Mrs. Davidson has long been a follower of Jesus. Forty-two years ago she was converted and joined the Methodist Church, under the preaching of Rev. Frank Stickney. Some 20 years ago, after the Fairview Christian Church was organized, she became on of its member and has lived a faithful Christian to the end.

Impressive funeral services conducted by Rev. Neddie Sooter of Sudheimer, were held from the Fairview Church at 2 o’clock Thursday afternoon, March 30. Interment was made by the side of her husband, in the family cemetery on the farm near where she was born and lived all her life. Adams and Casey, local funeral directors, had charge of the services.

Iberia Sentinel, April 1933

Relatives here last week received the sad news of the death of James C. Long of Henry County, well known here by many of our older people. He was an uncle of G.W. and J.D. Adams, Mrs. Mary Mace and Mrs. Rosa Farnham, all of this place.

James C. Long was the fifth son of James and Nancy Patterson Long. He was born in Shannon County, Mo., May 18, 1845; died April 22, 1933, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of his youngest son, Burl, at Ohio P.O. (St. Clair County, Missouri). He was 87 years 11 months and 4 days of age.

When a little boy his parents moved near Iberia, Mo., where he grew to young manhood. During the Civil War he served as Sargent in the Federal Army under his oldest brother, Captain Will Long, who was killed when he served under another brother, Captain John Long.

He was married to Ruth Burgess in July 1865. They lived near Iberia for some time. After the close of the war they moved near Montrose, and later to Oklahoma, then near to Ohio Post Office where they resided until the death of his wife March 26, 1899. Then he and his oldest son moved to Lowry City where they lived until five weeks before his death, when they went to live with his youngest son near Ohio P.O. as he was becoming very feeble. On Thursday evening his condition grew very grave, and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. he passed peacefully away. Nine children blessed this union. Four daughters preceded him in death. The only living daughter and three sons were at his bedside, the other son being unable to come.
Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at Westfield and Interment was made in the church cemetery by the side of his wife. —written by his niece, Mrs. Elsie Lennartz

Iberia Sentinel, January 1932

William Monroe Carroll, formerly of near Iberia, passed away at Miami, Okla., on January 16 and was laid to rest Sunday, Jan 17, in the Williams Cemetery at that place.

He contracted pneumonia fever to which he succumbed on the above date. He was a member of the Christian Church. He reared a family of three children, namely: Charley Carroll, Anna Shelton and Arvilla Shelton. Besides his children he is survived by a host of other relatives and friends. —Mrs. Ella Rice, Tuskegee, Okla.

Iberia Sentinel, January 1932

Mrs. Isabelle (Green) Cofer, died Sunday, January 17 at the home of her nephew, W.E. Spencer, of near Eugene. She was born May 8, 1857, and was 74 years of age when she passed away. She was married to G.W. Cofer March 6, 1904, and the family resided in the vicinity of Iberia a number of years and where she was held in the highest regards as a neighbor. The husband died 8 years ago.

She is survived by one brother, W.W. Green, at Iberia; two nieces, Mrs. J.H. Clark and Miss Mae Green of Iberia, and two nephews, W. E. Spencer of Eugene and Forest Green of Iberia, Mo.

Mrs. Cofer was a member of the Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. Spencer by Rev. A.L. Alexander, pastor of the Eldon Christian Church and burial was made in the Eugene Cemetery.

Iberia Sentinel, November 1931

Charles E. Fancher, one of our best and widely known citizens, died at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City Monday evening about 6 o’clock following an operation. Mr. Fancher a few months ago suffered an attack of appendicitis and was taken to the hospital for treatment, returning home much improved. Although he had not entirely recovered his normal strength, he was feeling as well as usual until Wednesday of last week when he complained of a soreness in his bowels. He took seriously ill late Friday evening and was rushed to the hospital by C.L. Casey in the Adams and Casey ambulance. He submitted to an operation Saturday and lived until Monday evening.

Mr. Fancher was one of our best and most industrious citizens, and by his constant desire to provide well for his family, he had become one of the county’s largest real estate owners.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Elenor; five brothers—Willie and Polk of Kansas, Lanie of Oklahoma, Roe of California, and Everett of Iberia, Mo., and one sister, Mrs. Rolla Stout also of Iberia.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Chas. M. Sooter are being held this afternoon (Wednesday) from the Mt. Zion Church near the County Home and interment will be in the cemetery at that place by the side of his two children who had preceded him in death. A complete obituary will appear next week.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1930

William P. Condra, one of Miller County’s pioneer and highly honored citizens, died at his home near Iberia Monday, at the age of 87 years, 7 months and 11 days. He had been in failing health for several years and for the past few months was confined to his bed.

William Plumlee Condra was born in Tennessee near Nashville March 22, 1843. With his people he went to Illinois and about the year 1866 he came to Missouri. He was married to Melissa Ann Miller on Nov. 1st, 1885, near Iberia.
Mr. and Mrs. Condra’s home was blessed with six children, all living. Clint, Fred and Arch of Iberia, Frank of Roswell, New Mexico; Wesley of St. Louis, Mo. and one daughter, Mrs. Norma West of Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Condra leaves two brothers and one sister, namely: David and Charles of Iberia and Mrs. Jennie Murphy of Dixon, Mo. Mr. Condra came to this community about 60 years ago and has lived on the same place for 55 years.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o’clock by President G. Byron Smith of the Junior College and two beautiful song selections were rendered by Misses Ruby and Lela Keeth, after which interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers. Both brothers and sister and all the children, except Frank of Roswell, New Mexico, were present.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1933

Mrs. Margaret Airhart, age 88 years, died Tuesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W.D. McGriff, with whom she had been living most of the time since the death of her second husband about 29 years ago. Several years ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that time she has been confined most of the time to her room. She had been a resident of Miller County for forty years or more and was well and favorably known here by a host of people. She was a member of the Christian (Newlight) Church and her life was emblematic of a true Christian.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter, John Deatley of St. Louis, Wm. Deatley of Jefferson City, and Mrs. W.D. McGriff of St. Elizabeth R.F.D. 1.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. C.M. Sooter were held Wednesday and interment made in the Clark Cemetery near the McGriff home.

The Iberia Sentinel, September 1930

This community was shocked when word reached here that the three small children of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Raley of St. Louis and Miss Maude Crismon, their nurse, met death by drowning late Friday evening when their car plunged off a bridge into ten feet of water in southern Mississippi.

The mother of the three children was before her marriage, Miss Edna Phillips, who lived here and is well known by many of our people. The nurse, Miss Maude Crismon, is also well known in Iberia, she having a year or so ago stayed with Grandma Short and attended the public school here. She is a daughter of Mrs. Ernest Shackleford of near Capps.

The body of the Crismon girl was brought to Iberia and funeral services were held from the Nazarene Church Monday afternoon and interment made in the town cemetery. Funeral services for the three Raley children were held at 2 o’clock Tuesday afternoon at St. John’s Methodist Church in St. Louis, Burial was in Valhalla Cemetery.

The following article appeared in the Sunday St. Louis Post-Dispatch, giving particulars of the tragic accident:

Three young daughters of Thomas C. Raley, 5138 St. Louis Avenue, President of the Getz Exterminator Co., and their nurse were drowned in Bayou La Fontain, a mile west of Pascagoula, Miss., late Friday afternoon when the Raley automobile, crowded by a truck approaching at high speed, crashed through a wooden guard rail on a toll bridge and sank in 10 feet of water.

Those drowned were:

Jane Elizabeth Raley, 7 years old.
Edna Frances Raley, 4 years old,
Nancy Lee Raley, 2 ½ years old
Maude Crismon, 16 years old, a distant relative of Mrs. Raley and formerly of Iberia, Mo.
Mrs. Raley, who was driving the car, a Studebaker coach, was rescued by her husband who had been riding in the front seat with her and who climbed out through a window after the car sank. He held her above water until fishermen pulled them out 10 or 15 minutes later.

“We were driving from New Orleans to Atlanta, by way of Mobile,” Raley told the Post-Dispatch over telephone from Pascagoula yesterday. When the accident occurred we were almost in the middle of a mile-long wooden bridge across the bayou. We had been driving about 30 miles an hour, but my wife saw a truck coming fast toward us and slowed down.

“The truck stayed in the middle of the bridge and Mrs. Raley, fearing a collision, swerved to the right. The car struck something at the right side of the bridge just as the truck passed. Whatever it was we struck forced our car to lunge across the bridge. It crashed through the guard rail on the left side and fell into the water, about five or seven feet below the roadway of the bridge.

“As it struck the water, the car turned over and settled on bottom, upside down. The water was about 10 feet deep. It rushed into the front windows, which were open...(copy missing here)...be about 10, but I was confused by my struggles—I got through the window beside me, and pulled Mrs. Ralley out after me, I swam with her to one of the bridge piers and held on, holding her by the hair.

“She was almost unconscious and I had to hold her until help came. One of her arms was badly cut. After some time, a group of fishermen came up and pulled us in to the bridge. Then they dived in and brought up the children and the nurse. But it was 30 minutes after the accident before they got them out, and it was too late.

“The truck didn’t stop on the bridge. I was told, however, that the driver went on to the end of the bridge and turned around and came back. I saw a truck driven by a young fellow standing there after the accident, but I don’t know if it was the same one that crowded us. Mrs. Raley wasn’t sure either. We were so confused.

“Mrs. Raley is suffering from shocks and the cut on her arm. A doctor took nine stitches in it. I wasn’t hurt and am all right, except for the shock. The car was pulled out of the bayou about 9 o’clock Friday night, but we’re not going to drive it back. We’re leaving for St. Louis on the first train, and we’ll be in Sunday noon on the L & N. No. 4”

Obituary

Maude Eliza Crisman was born Oct 12, 1915, and passed away Sept 26, 1930 at the age of 14 years, 11 months and 14 days. She leaves a father and mother, three sisters and one brother, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her departure. She was converted in the winter of 1938 and united with the Church of the Nazarene at Iberia and lived a consistent Christian life. She will be sadly missed by her loved ones and many friends, also by the church and young people. Maude was a beautiful character, and we hope our young people will pattern after her Godly life.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

A telegram reached relatives here last Sunday announcing the sudden death of Selby Hopkins, of Washington, Indiana. Mr. Hopkins is a brother of J.L. Hopkins, Mrs. M.J. Davidson, and Mrs. J.L. Irwin, all of Iberia. He is the father of Mrs. Clint Casey of Crocker. Mr. and Mrs. Casey departed Sunday afternoon for Washington to attend the funeral.

Unknown Publication, April 1923

Rosa Barton Burks, was born Oct. 18, 1885, died April 7, 1923, age 37 years, 5 months and 20 days.
On Tuesday, April 34d, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Burks of East Salem, Mo. Mother and baby seemed to be doing nicely until on Thursday when it was found Mrs. Burks had developed pneumonia, dying Saturday about 12 o’clock.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Barton. About four years ago Mr. and Mrs. Burks came to Dent County, buying and locating on a farm 3 miles south of Salem, but one year later in order to avail themselves of better school advantages, they moved into town, Mr. Burks now being with Bennett Bro. in the grocery business.

Mr. and Mrs. Burks were married January 26, 1908. To them were born six children, Helen, Wynette, Gayrth, Gertrude, George and the baby boy. To her husband and children Mrs. Burks was a model wife and mother. Her greatest pleasure was being at home among her family. The husband went to his business, the children to school but they never came home without finding “Mother” there waiting to minister to them. Perfect peace and happiness reigned in that home.

It was the writer’s good fortune to have known Mrs. Burks since she came to Dent County, and I knew her to be a woman of high ideals, quiet and unassuming in her manner. She has made many new but true and loyal friends here. To these and to her family her unexpected death was a great shock.

Besides husband and children she leaves father, mother and four sisters, Mrs. Barney Dawson, Mrs. James Clark of Ulman, Mo., Mrs. Walter Patterson and Miss Amy Barton of Salem, Mo. One sister, Mrs. Joe Mayfield preceded her in death about three years ago.

In the presence of a large sympathetic audience the funeral services were conducted by Rev. E.F. Maness and the remains under the direction of S.A. Dawson undertaker, were tenderly placed beneath mother earth in the Stagner Cemetery near their farm home.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1921

Charles K. Clark, one of our most highly respected and prominent citizens, dropped dead at his home in Iberia early Tuesday morning, aged 62 years.

Mr. Clark had been afflicted with dropsy for the past three years or more necessitating his retiring from business about two years ago. For many years prior to his sickness, he was engaged in the monument and tombstone business at this place. He was a leader in politics, and for a number of years served Iberia in the capacity of postmaster.

The passing away of our neighbor and friend deprives our little city of one of its best citizens. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Funeral services were held at 10 o’clock Wednesday morning from the Baptist Church of which he was a devout member, conducted by the pastor R.B. CArnett. Interment was made in the town cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1920

Mrs. S. B. Miller (Amanda) one of the community’s most devoted Christian women, died at her home just west of town Wednesday morning of pneumonia fever. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and three sons—Mrs. C.O. Short, Mrs. A. Claborn, Miss Carrie Miller, James, Willie and Walter Miller.

At the time of Mrs. Miller’s death Mr. Miller was also confined to his bed with pneumonia. Their daughter, Carrie was in Phoenix, Arizona for the benefit of her health and their son, Walter was in St. Louis for an operation for appendicitis.

Interment was made in the Madden Cemetery Thursday morning.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date (probably 1920’s)

Little Ruth Marie Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jenkins, died Friday night of erysipelas and was laid to rest in the Jackson Cemetery Saturday evening at 3 o’clock. The little child was only about two months old.
Unknown Publication, February 1920

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vaughan of near Iberia, Monday, Feb. 2 and took their darling babe, Norma Vivian Vaughan, born Jan. 16, 1920. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, five sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives. The remains were laid to rest in the Livingston Cemetery. —by a sister, Mrs. Alvis James

Iberia Sentinel, January 1922

William C. Mace, one of Iberia’s oldest residents passed away at his home here Thursday night, January 26. The deceased was widely known throughout Miller and Pulaski counties, he having for a number of years been engaged in the mercantile business in Iberia and at Hancock in Pulaski County. He also spent many of his years on the farm, having at different times during his life, owned several farms in the vicinity of Iberia.

Brother William C. Mace was born May 14, 1839 and died January 26, 1922. He was born in Dent County, Missouri near the town of Salem. He was married four times, three of his wives having preceded him in death. There were two children born to the first union, one died in infancy and the other, Albert Mace of Springfield, still living. In the second union there were four children born, two living—Will Mace of Crocker and George of Iberia, the other two having died several years ago. In the third union there were ten children born, all dead but two, having died when young. The two living children are Everett Mace of Iberia and Mrs. Fannie Howell of Springfield Col. There were no children born in the fourth union. He leaves behind his aged companion, three children, 31 grandchildren—26 living and five dead.

Long years ago he was converted in Camden County and united with the Methodist Church and later, some 35 years ago, he united with the Baptist Church of which he was a faithful member up to the time of his death. He was patient throughout his invalid days which were about three years. He was 83 years, 8 months and 12 days old. He died at 11:25 o’clock p.m. The end was peaceful as was his life. He was a faithful and loving husband and father, loved by all who knew him. Gone but not forgotten—at rest with God and the angels.

Impressive funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. W.S. Birge, Friday afternoon, after which the body was laid to rest in the Iberia Cemetery.

Illinois Tribune-Times, September 1919

Theodosia Hopkins, wife of Eld. David Manley, deceased, was born Dec. 9, 1857 at Washington, Indiana, departed this life September 2, 1919, at Iberia, Mo., aged 61 years, 8 months and 23 days.

She was united in marriage to Eld. David Manley April 7, 1898. For a few years, seven in all, they journeyed happily together. On December 8, 1905, the Lord called Eld. Manley to his reward.

On the third Sunday in October, 1890, she was baptized into the fellowship of the Veal Creek Baptist Church. After her marriage she moved her membership to the Carmi Baptist Church, of which she remained a faithful member until death. During her stay in this city she made many friends and was loved by all who knew her. Her daily life was above criticism. Her words and acts of kindness won for her not only the admiration and love of the family, but of all who knew her, as one of the stepchildren expressed himself, “She was a good step mother.” She loved her church, she loved her God and through all her suffering she continued faithful to Him in whom she placed her trust in years gone by.

She leaves to mourn her departure four brothers, Esseck Hopkins, Princeton, Ind., John Hopkins, Iberia, Mo., Selby Hopkins, Linton, Ind., Daniel Hopkins, Washington, Ind.; three sisters, Ellen Osborn, St. James, Mo., Annie Irwin, Iberia, Mo., Electa Davidson, Iberia, Mo.; also six step-children, J.E. Manley, Newberry, Ind., Isaac J. Manley, California, Mackey Bowman,
Carmi, James Manley, Mt. Carmel, William Manley, of Missouri and Solomon Manley of Nebraska.

She was also a member of the Eastern Star lodge at Newberry, Ind.

Funeral services were held at the Missionary Baptist Church in this city Thursday at 1:30 p.m. September 4, 1919, conducted by Elder D.F. Marlin, pastor. Interment in Maple Ridge Cemetery, Carmi.

Unknown Publication, January 1922

Aunt Betty Casey, nee Elizabeth E. Livingston, was born in Hart County, Kentucky, in 1841, and died January 28, 1922. She was 79 years and 11 months old. She was married some thirty years ago to Zedoc Casey. There were no children born to this union. Her husband dies some years ago and she has since made her home with her sister, Mrs. Henry Bear, of Ulman.

She has lived in Miller County since her parents moved from Kentucky to Missouri, which was in her childhood days. At the age of about twenty she gave her heart to God and united with the Baptist Church at Hickory Point, to which she belonged at the time of her death. She was a faithful and consecrated member and lived her religion every day.

She leaves an only sister and four stepchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends, to mourn her loss. She comes from a family of thirteen children and Aunt Jennie Bear is the only one left.

The end was very peaceful, as was also her life. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W.S. Birge after which the remains were laid to rest in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, February 1918

Margaret I. Ponder was born March 4, 1873. She was united in marriage to Jerry Ponder June 13, 1906, and to this union were born three children. She untied with the M.E. Church in early life. On Sept. 20, 1910 she and her husband united with the Christian Church. While she had sufferings untold during the past two years her faith in God did not falter. During her sickness her greatest hope was reading God’s word. She always met her friends with a welcome smile though her sufferings were great. She patiently and lovingly waited the call.

She departed this life Feb. 6, 1918. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, three sons, a loving mother, six brothers, and four sisters besides a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. G.W. Robertson, after which the body was laid to rest in the Livingston Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, June, 1920

Charles F. Artz, former prosecuting attorney of Miller County, was shot and killed by a band of outlaws in Wichita, Kans. Sunday, June 28. At the time of his death he was a special agent for the Rock Island Railroad.

According to the best information we have been able to obtain, he had in custody three men arrested on a charge of vagrancy and was on his way to turn them over to the proper authorities when they overpowered him, took his own gun and shot him. The assassins boarded a train just leaving the station, and made their get-away. The body was shipped back to Eldon, his former home, for burial.

He was born in Miller County thirty-four years ago. He was graduated from the Washington University Law School, St. Louis, served one term as prosecuting attorney of Miller County and served as legal adviser on the Draft Board during the war.

Mr. Artz was a fine young man, highly respected and held in high esteem by all who knew him. The entire county mourns his untimely death.
Unknown Publication, May 1923

Thurman J. Hensley, the twenty-one year old son of W.F. Hensley, died at his home a few miles north of Iberia last Friday morning, after a lingering illness of over a year’s duration. He, a few months ago, returned from Colorado where he with his father and sisters went with the hope that the change in the climate might benefit his health.

Thurman J. Hensley, the only son of W.F. Hensley and wife, was born Feb. 8, 1902; died May 26, 1923, age 21 years, 3 months and 17 days. His mother preceded him to the great beyond a number of years ago. He is survived by father, two sisters and a host of friends and relatives. He was a Christian young man having a few days prior to his death joined the Christian Church and was baptized.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Wm. Sooter, were held from Fairview Church, three miles north of Iberia, at 11 o’clock Saturday after which interment was made in the Livingston Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey undertakers.

Unknown Publication, April 30, 1923

Ulman, Mo. – Audra Marble Bass, age 12 years and 4 months, daughter of Postmaster C.B. Bass and Mrs. Lefta Bass, died Monday, April 30, 1923. She had been sick about ten days. She first took the measles, then contracted pneumonia. She leaves to mourn her death father, mother, one brother and one sister, three children having preceded her to the great beyond.

She was a kind loving little girl and loved by all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted by Ref. T.F. Simmons at the Hickory Point Church in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends after which her little body was laid to rest in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, July 1923

Dr. G.W. Duncan of this place received a telegram Tuesday afternoon from Judsonia, Arkansas, stating that Henry H. Capps, formerly of this place, died Tuesday and would be buried there Wednesday. Mr. Capps was a brother of the late John Capps at one time a leading merchant of Iberia. He was also an uncle of Mrs. G.W. Duncan. The deceased we understand, was owner of a large tract of fine timber land near Judsonia.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

South Breeze Correspondent - We are very sorry to report the death of little Wilma, the eight-months-old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Dake of this place. The little one had suffered several weeks of cholera infantum that dreaded disease that is so fatal to so many little children throughout our land. The little baby was laid to rest in the burial grounds at Union Church near Brays. Our sympathy is with the sad mother and father who should remember that Jesus said, “Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1923

John Snelling, age about 76 years, a well known South Side citizen, died suddenly Saturday afternoon enroute from Tuscumbia to his home in Ulman.

Mr. Snelling went to Tuscumbia Saturday morning on the Ulman-Eldon truck, operated by Clyde Bass, and remained until Mr. Bass returned from Eldon. When they had crossed the bridge at Tuscumbia, Mr. Snelling, it is said, got out of the truck, saying that he would walk up the hill and scotch the wheels if need be. On reaching the crest of the hill, Mr. Snelling climbed upon the truck and lay down and was breathing his last before it was noticed that anything was wrong with him. It is thought that his sudden death was caused by a weak heart and over-exhaustion.

The body was taken on to his home in Ulman, and interment made in the Gott Cemetery Sunday afternoon.
Reville Newspaper, Aug 3, 1923

**John Snelling**, was born in Miller County, Missouri. July 2, 1847 and died July 28, 1923. He was 76 years 27 days old. He was married to Mrs. Mary Dinwiddie, formerly Miss Mary Burnside. They had lived both in Miller and Camden Counties, but recently resided at Ulman, Mo. They found a host of friends everywhere. He was converted at the age of 15 and devoted his life to his master.

He leaves a widow and 5 children, one stepson, one half brother, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. But our loss is his eternal Gain. His soul had a beautiful repose known only to those who love the Lord. Blessed are they which die in the Lord, yea, saith the spirit, they have entered into rest and their works do follow them.

Unknown Publication, June 1923

**Hester L. Thornsberry** was born July 30, 1875 near Iberia, in Miller County, MO., died at her home in Conway, June 13, 1923. She was married to Geo. D. McCubbin, January 8, 1893 and to them nine children were born, eight of whom survive, two boys and six girls.

She was converted in 1895 and she, with her husband, joined the Baptist Church at Iberia. In 1915, the family moved to Conway, Mo., and brought their membership to the Baptist Church at this place, where she was one of the most faithful and loyal members until death. Death came very suddenly from heart failure, from which ailment she had been a sufferer for some time.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in Conway Friday morning, June 15, conducted by Rev. R.B. Carnett of Lebanon. Interment was in the Conway Cemetery under the direction of N.B. Clinton, local undertaker.

Deceased is survived by her husband; eight children, Clarence, of Springfield; Gilbert of Colby, Kansas; Mrs. Isaac Akey and Mrs. Leonard Malcom of Conway, and Eunice, Clara, Gretchen and Louise at home; her father, John Thornsberry of Conway; a sister, Mrs. O.C. Benage of Conway, and two brothers, Ellis and Dolsey Thornsberry of Sterling, Kansas. Her passing is a sad loss to her family and the community.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, August 25, 2008

**Donnie L. Hillen**, age 67, of Eldon, died Monday, August 25, 2008, at his home. He was born in St. Louis on January 13, 1941. On April 7, 2002, at the Old Time Gospel Church in Eldon, he was married to Alice Mount, who survives at the home.

Others who survive him include: four brothers, Norbert Risse of Meta, Larry Risse of Meta, Roger Risse of Eldon and Charlie Risse of New Haven; two sisters, Charlene Veltrop of Toas and Irene Hartman of Hartsburg; three step-children, Ellen Hader and Jackie Woolley both of Eldon and Evelyn McVicker of Jefferson City; eight step-grandchildren and one goddaughter, Mary Vedenhoupt of Eugene. His parents and two step-sons, Bill and George Templeton, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26th with a memorial service immediately following at 7:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Bro. Frank McGuire will officiate. Interment will be held at a later date in Rocky Mount Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Donnie Hillen Memorial Fund.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, August 28, 2008

**James R. “Jim” Jones**, age 71, of Eldon, died Thursday, August 28, 2008, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia. He was born in Mt. Pleasant on May 30, 1937, son of Richard Vernon and Ruby Mae (Bacon) Jones, both deceased. On July 21, 1962, in Barnett, he was married to Arlene Taylor, who survives at the home.

He was a Navy veteran. He retired from AT&T in 1990 after 37 years of service. He was a long time member of the Eldon Country Club and a member of the Telephone Pioneers. He was a past member of the Eldon Gun Club and a past volunteer fire fighter for the City of Eldon. He
served for several years on the Eldon City Council. He was an avid sports fan coaching little
league and playing softball and golf. He was a member of Ninth Street Christian Church. In
recent years his favorite times have been spent with his grandchildren and enjoying making
special memories at family gatherings.

Other survivors include two daughters, Gayle Bledsoe and husband Christopher of Eldon,
and Jill Kliethermes and husband Danny of Eldon; four grandchildren, Cody Bledsoe and Shelby
Bledsoe and Cole Kliethermes and Kylie Kliethermes all of Eldon; one brother, Ricky Jones and
wife Mary of Eddy, Texas; and one nephew, Eric Jones of Eddy, Texas.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 31, at Ninth Street Christian Church in
Eldon. Rev. Chris Reynolds and Rev. Bob Buster will officiate. Interment with military honors
under the direction of the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be in Eldon City Cemetery.
Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial
contributions are suggested to the Ninth Street Christian Church Building Fund or a Charity of
the Donor’s Choice.

Flossie Long Martin, age 88, of Iberia, died Friday, August 29, 2008, at Lake Regional
Hospital. She was born in Miller County on December 19, 1919, daughter of Harley and Sally
(Harrison) Long. On October 8, 1938, in Iberia, she was married to Vernon Castle Martin Sr.,
who preceded her in death on December 17, 1997.

She was a member of the Iberia First Christian Church and the Iberia American Legion
Post 105 Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include one daughter, JoAnn Plemmons of Iberia; five grandchildren, Rory
Plemmons, Rachelle Mason, Tammy Anderson, Kimberly Lassiter, and Tracie Martin; and 12
great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; three sisters;
one son, Vernon Castle Martin Jr.; and one grandson, James Martin.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 31, at Rekus Funeral
Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Stan Way officiating. Interment will
be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Robert W. Elliott, age 80, of Eldon, died Friday, August 29, 2008, at his home. He was
born in Wewoka, Oklahoma on November 23, 1927, a son of the late Edward and Audry (Hoyt)
Elliott. On July 9, 1954, in Porterville, California, he was married to Charlotte Sherwood, who
survives at the home.

Robert enjoyed traveling in a motor home and spending time with his family. He was a
member of the Church of Christ in Eldon.

Others who survive him include: three children, Donald Robert Elliott and wife Donna of
Belton, Texas, Kenneth Elliott and wife DeAnn of Eldon and Laurel Ridge and husband Jerry of
Rocky Mount; nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren; one brother, Jim Elliott of Fresno,
California and two sisters, Ruby McNutt of Crows Landing, California and Effie McKinney of
Porterville, California. One sister, Twila Trott, also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. with services immediately following at 11:00 a.m. on
Tuesday, September 2, at the Church of Christ in Eldon. Family friend, Lloyd Camp and Brother
Jim Bezzler will officiate. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery.

Marshall B. Ripka, age 76, of Meta, died Friday, August 29, 2008, on the family farm.
He was born in Meta on February 5, 1932, son of Willard H. and Nora (Fitzpatrick) Ripka. On
May 18, 1952, in Eldon, he was married to Mary Lou West, who survives at the home.
He had been a member of Tuscumbia Christian Church since 1995.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 1, at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta.
Rev. Bob Hamm will officiate. Interment will be in Southside Cemetery near Meta. Visitation
Louise Shikles, 90, Eldon, died Thursday, August 28, 2008, in Eldon. She was born September 10, 1917, the daughter of Gottlob Dorl and Mary Jane Dorl. She was married March 15, 1940, to Bailey R. Shikles, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at Philips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral Service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 2, 1008, at the funeral home, with Rev. Bob Buster officiating. Burial will be in the Enloe Cemetery, Russellville.

Sue Bryan, age 80, of Eldon, died Wednesday, August 27, 2008, in Eldon. Survivors include her husband, Alfred Lavaughn Bryan, of the home; one daughter, Angie Bryan of Rocky Mount, Mo.; and one brother, Bob Carmichael of Boonville.

Visitation will be held Sunday, August 31, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Private interment will be held at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville. Memorials may be made to The National Parkinsons Foundation.

Dennis P. McDevitt, 65, Eldon, died Thursday, August 28, 2008, in Eldon. Survivors include: his wife, Julie A. McDevitt; one son, Col. Denny McDevitt; three daughters, Anna Higgins, Patty Pearch, and Connie Davis; 15 grandchildren; five brothers, Edward McDevitt, Rev. Michael McDevitt, Maurice McDevitt, James McDevitgt, and Larry McDevitt; and three sisters, Margaret Mary McCarthy, Marie Neville, and Kathy Bredenkoetter.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, August 29, at Philips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 30, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Eldon. Burial will be in High Point Cemetery, High Point, Missouri.

August “Gus” Kempker, 66, of Mary’s Home died Friday, Aug. 22, 2008, in Jefferson City. He was born July 21, 1942, in Mary’s Home to August H. and Teresa Evers Kempker. On June 3, 1989, he was married in Mary’s Home to Mary Gainer Kempker who survives at the home.

Mr. Kempker was a farmer and heavy equipment operator. He was an active member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus of Mary’s Home and Local No. 513 of the Operating Engineers. He also was a member of the Elks Lodge in Jefferson City.

Also surviving him are seven sons and their wives, Chris and Bertha Kempker and Matt and Sara Kempker, all of Mary’s Home, Jim and Angie Kempker, Nick and Karen Kempker and Jon Kempker, all of Brazito, Ben and Julie Kempker of Eugene and Joe and Carol Arnold of Jefferson City; two daughters and their husbands, Paula and Wendel Tyler of Eugene, Katie Kempker of Brazito and Jeannie and Mike Hoyenski of Kileen, Texas; grandchildren: Ryan, Nathan, Kerri, Travis, Tyler, Jacob and wife Anna, Eric, Joe, Tom, Aaron, Bradley, Brittany, Cody, Olivia, Abby, Bonnie, Lewis, Taylor, Tre, Elissa, Curtis, Brian, Michael, Jason, Nathaniel, Christopher and Xavier; two brothers, Andrew Kempker of Eldon and Norbert Kempker of Jefferson City; and three sisters, Mary Ann Holzer of St. Martins and Dorothy Berendzen and Bernetta Adrian, both of Mary’s Home.

A funeral mass was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home, with the Rev. Patrick J. Shortt officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery.
under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Memorials may be made to the Our Lady of the Snows P.S.R. Program or Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home.

**Jerome “Jerry” Meeks**, 64, of Eldon died Friday, Aug. 22, 2008, in Eldon. He was born Feb. 26, 1944, in Olney, Ill., to Richard Sr. and Betty Jane Dixon Meeks, who both preceded him in death. On March 27, 1971, he was married in St. Louis to Donna Storey Meeks, who survives at the home.

Mr. Meeks was a manufacturing engineer with FACO Industries. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon and was a past member of the Kiwanis, Eldon, Country Club and Eldon Bass Club. He also served on the coordinating committee for the Miller County Relay for Life. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Also surviving him are two sisters, Rebecca S. Schwartz of Osage Beach and Alice J. Orcutt of Lake Ozark; and a brother, Richard G. Meeks Jr. of Eldon.

A funeral mass was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon with the Rev. Frederick Elskamp officiating. Private interment will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Rita Rea Snodgrass Kays**, 57, of Columbia died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, at North Kansas City Hospital following a long illness. She was born April 6, 1951, to the late Rea and Virginia Snodgrass of Eldon.

Mrs. Kays was a 1969 graduate of Eldon High School. In 1977, she was injured in an automobile accident that left her disabled. She later was graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelors Degree in social work. She volunteered in Columbia.

Surviving are a son, Shawn Rea Kays of Lee’s Summit; a sister, Gini Guinn of Morrison, Colo.; a brother, Kent Snodgrass of Bella Vista, Ark.; a grandson, Tommy Kays of Lake Ozark; and six nieces and five nephews. Her lifelong friend, David Cox survives at the home. A sister, Mimi Lee Snodgrass Deese, preceded her in death.

Arrangements were by Kansas City Funeral Directors. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross.

**Gordon C. Skaggs** was born near Knoxville, Tenn., August 13, 1852; moved with his parents to Missouri, when about eight years old. He was married to Mary E. Ponder Sept. 16, 1876, and to this union were born five children—Theodore T., James M., Clyde C., Ethel M., and Herman P. Skaggs, all of whom are married. James died some three years ago.

Gordon C. Skaggs died Sept 1, 1922, in Colorado, one and one-half miles up on Pike’s Peak near cog railway; body was found September 5 and was buried on the 6th in Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colo. The body was exhumed and brought back here and entered in the family burying ground at Union Church near Brays, Monday, Sept. 18th in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Oliver Shelton of the Christian Advent Church of which the deceased was a member.

**Adam W. Setser**, brother of Collector C.C. Setser and an industrious farmer living north of Iberia, died Monday night after a lingering illness of over a year’s duration.

The deceased was born January 12, 1873, being 50 years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and four children, two daughters—Mrs. George Wickham and Mrs. Claude Wickham; two sons—Chester and Arthur aged 16 and 10 respectively. His daughter Delphia, and son, Homer, died several years ago.

Interment was made in the Livingston Cemetery Monday afternoon.
Iberia Sentinel, September 1919

Louis Denman Moneymaker was born in Mattoon, Ill., April 27, 1860; died at his home in Rolla, Mo., Sept 6, 1919, being at the time of his death 59 years 4 months and 10 days old. On January 16, 1881, he was married to Elizabeth Hance, and to this union were born six children—four girls and two boys, all of whom survive him.

He united with the Church of Christ at about the age of 24 years. From the time of his conversion it was his desire to sow the seed of the Kingdom. Twenty-seven years ago at Brumley, Mo. he was ordained to preach the gospel, from which time he has ever proved true to his calling. Of him it can be said, he hath done what he could. He was patient, loving and kind through all his sufferings and while at times he would express a desire to live that he might do good, yet ever resigned to the will of the Lord, and that few who saw him during his illness but will remember some good admonition to prepare for the life to come.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9th funeral services were held from the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Bro. Romine, of Rolla, Mo., Bro Diestlecamp of St. James, Mo., Bro. Rinehart of Oak Grove, Mo. and Bro. Paul Glover of Lacoma, Mo., after which all that was mortal of our dear brother was conveyed to the Rolla Cemetery, there to await the sound of the trumpet when the dead in Christ shall rise first.

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, six children, two brothers and two sisters, besides a host of other relatives and friends. His friends could only be numbered by the hundreds.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1916

George Kingery, father of Mrs. Lee Williams, who has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Williams in Eldon, passed away Sunday afternoon after a nervous breakdown from old age. He was born in 1860 and was married to Margaret Strong in 1865. He was a good man, always avoiding trouble and showing appreciation for kindness from whomever it came.

Mr. Kingery was a soldier in the Civil War and after he became too old to work he enjoyed the company of old comrades with whom he associated.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist Church by Rev. John R. Blythe Tuesday. Intermment was made in the Eldon Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1919

Word was received here first of the week that Steve Timmons, formerly of Iberia died at his home in Monett, Mo., last Friday, Jan. 3rd of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. Steve was at one time editor of the local paper which was then called the Iberia Headlight. For a number of years he has been employed by the Frisco R.R. Co. being supervisor of the depot baggage department at Monett at the time of his death. He has many friends among our readers who will indeed be sorry to learn of his death.

The following sketch was taken from the Monett Times:

Steve Timmons died Saturday morning at 8 o’clock at his home one mile east of town, of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the residence Monday afternoon at 2 o’clock. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mr. Timmons has been employed as day baggage master for the Frisco for the past twenty years and will be greatly missed by his many friends. He was a man of noble character and was liked by everyone who knew him. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife and six children: Mable, Edna, Sydney, Florence, Claude, Geraldine; three sisters: Mrs. M. Archdale of this city, Mrs. A.L. Osborn and Mrs. R. Marlowe of Joplin.

Linn Creek Reveille, March 1923

Richard Jeffries of Marionville, was here Tuesday and informed us of the death of his father, Toliver Jeffries, at the state hospital in Fulton. Tol Jeffries was well and favorably known to a large number of our readers. Most of his life was spent in Camden County.
While an industrious and successful farmer, yet his love of the woods, for which he was noted as a boy, was always one of his strong traits, and he was perhaps more noted as a hunter than in any other way until mental affliction overtook him.

Iberia Sentinel, April 1923

**John Wyrick** died at his home on the farm of his son, P.T. Wyrick, west of Iberia, Tuesday, following an illness of pneumonia. He was about 70 years of age.

When a young man he was united in marriage to Miss Betty Kinder, a sister of our sheriff. They lived near Ulman for many years, recently moving to the farm of his son.

He is survived by the wife and four children. The children are P.T. Wyrick, formerly circuit clerk of Miller County, Mrs. Nettie Martin of near Ulman and George and Chesley Wyrick of near Iberia. Another daughter, Mrs. Retta Hendricks, preceded him a few years ago.

Further particulars as to the funeral arrangements are not available as the Autogram is printed.

Unknown Publication, April 1923

**Mrs. Lena Heafey** died at her home on the Tuscumbia-Eldon Road near the Skinner Schoolhouse, Sunday night following a brief illness of influenza and pneumonia, being 33 years of age.

Deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Conrad Wenzel and her father preceded her to the grave about two or three years ago. She was first married to Wm. Campbell, a fireman on the Rock Island Railroad. He was killed in an accident in the Eldon yards a number of years ago, leaving the widow and one child. She later married Mr. Heafey, and three children and the husband survive. She is also survived by a brother, Carl Wenzel, and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Cain and Mrs. Marie Cain, both of Eldon.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Eldon Methodist Church after which the remains were laid to rest in the Eldon Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1923

**George W. Slone**, aged 63 years, died at his home about three miles west of Iberia Monday night after a two weeks illness. Mr. Slone has been engaged in farming almost all his life, but recently entered the mercantile business on a small scale at his home on route No. 1.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Martha Jones, Elmer, Ray and Roy Slone, also two brothers, John of Iberia and James of Swedeborg.

Interment was made in the Union Cemetery near Bray s, Tuesday afternoon.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date (I believe this coincides with the death certificate #13344 for John Hake who died 1 April 1923)

**John Hake**, a farmer who resided about 2 ½ miles west of Mary’s Home, died Sunday evening of pneumonia and leakage of the heart following influenza. He was 67 years old; born in Osage County but had been living in Miller County about 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Schepers before her marriage; his mother, who is now 93 years of age; and three children—Mrs. Chris Kattenbach of near Meta, Mrs. Ernest Holzrichter of near Eugene and Joe Hake of Kansas City, Kan.

Funeral services were held at Mary’s Home at 9 o’clock Tuesday morning and burial was made in the St. Mary’s Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1923

The little three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, of Granite City, Ill., died Wednesday, March 28 of bronchial pneumonia. The body, accompanied by the parents, was
brought to Iberia for burial. Funeral services conducted by Rev. H.J. Fenwick, were held from
the M.E. Church here Thursday afternoon after which interment was made in the town cemetery.

Little Ilena Jones was born February 4, 1920; died March 28, 1923. She leaves father,
mother, three brothers and two sisters, three brothers and one sister having preceded her to the
world beyond.

A beautiful floral offering was made by the R.N.A. Lodge and Sunday school children of
Granite City. Friends and relatives in Iberia extend condolence to the bereaved family.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1922

Fred Williams, a progressive farmer and one of the southside’s best citizens, died at his
home near Ulman, Wednesday morning after an illness of a week’s duration or more from a
complication of the flu and stomach trouble. He was a member in good standing, of the Ulman
Camp of the Modern Woodmen.

His wife was formerly Miss Laura Farnham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Farnham of
this place. His wife and three children survive him.

Funeral services will be held from the Ulman Baptist Church this morning and interment
made in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

Crocker News, June 1925

E.W. Burks, who has made his home here with his son, Howard Burks, for some time,
passed away this morning after a lingering illness. The body will be taken to Hickory Point for
burial Friday.

Mr. Burks was nearly 84 years old, his birthday being March 3rd, and was born and reared
in Miller County, living I this vicinity all his life, and leaves many friends who extend their deep
sympathy to the bereaved ones.

The Iberia Sentinel, August 1923

Finis Wade Hensley, the little four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hensley, of the
Elliott neighborhood, died Saturday night of infantile paralysis, and was laid to rest in the Jarrett
Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

A subsequent news article reads:

Finnis, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hensley of near Iberia, died
Saturday of anthrax, the disease having been communicated to him from a pet lamb with which
he had been playing

Anthrax is an infection, and usually fatal bacterial disease of animals, especially cattle
and sheep, and occasionally of man, to whom it may be transmitted by inoculation. It is
characterized by ulcerations of the skin, enlargement of the spleen and general collapse. Anthrax
is also known as splenic fever, wool-sorter’s disease, influenza and malignant pustule.

The death certificate (listed under Kenneth Wade Hensley) attributes death to “Acute
Pneumonia; Infantile Paralysis.”

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1925

Martha Estaline Deardeuff, sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. Steven S. Deardeuff, was born
Nov. 20, 1884, in Pulaski County, near Crocker, Missouri; died Jan. 15, 1925 in a Springfield
hospital at the age of 40 years, 1 month and 25 days. She was united in marriage to Jeff Groves,
in July 1906, and to this union six children were born, one having preceded her to the better world
and the rest are all at home with their father.
She united with the Missionary Baptist Church at Cedar Bluff, in Texas County, Missouri, in February 1915, where she remained a faithful Christian. She was a faithful wife and loving mother. She met death without fear, for she said she was prepared to go.

She leaves besides her loving husband and children, a loving father, five sisters, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

She was laid to rest in the Bethany Cemetery Sunday evening in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. H.B. Holt conducted the funeral services.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1923

This community was shocked last Friday afternoon, when it was reported that Mrs. J. F. Law had died rather suddenly at her home in north Iberia. Her illness was very brief, having been sick only a few hours.

Mrs. Law was one of Iberia’s consecrated Christian women and lived a life above reproach among us. What nobler things can be said of anyone? The aching hearts of those bereaved are soothed to some extent by the fact that the reward of such a life is joy and peace at home. Over There with her parents, brothers, sisters and three children gone on before.

Mrs. J.F. Law was born in St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 11, 1854, and died at her home in Iberia, Feb. 16, 1923. She was 68 years 4 months and 5 days old. At the age of 22 she was united in marriage to J.F. Law to which union twelve children were born, eleven boys and one girl, nine living, three having departed this life several years ago. The living are Robert, Frederick, Russell and Henry, all of California, and Author, Claud, Clarence, Hayden and Viola of Iberia.

At an early age she gave her heart to the Lord and united with the Methodist Church, and later united with the Presbyterian Church of which church she was a faithful member until the day of her death.

Besides her companion and nine children, she leaves eleven grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews together with a host of friends to mourn their loss. The end came peacefully as was her life. Our loss is her gain. At rest in Jesus.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at the Baptist Church by Rev. W.S. Birge after which interment was made in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1923

Marion Laws, a former resident of Iberia, but for the past several years a resident of Crocker, was an industrious, hard laboring man with a broad acquaintance. He was a model citizen, a devoted husband and father and a consecrated Christian; a man who suffered a great deal, but bore his sufferings patiently.

He was born August 8, 1846; died Jan. 17, 1923. He married Mattie Boyd about 1866, and to this union six children were born—five boys and one girl. The mother and four of the children preceded him in death. In 1881 he married Nancy J. Jones and to this union were born six children—five girls and one boy, one of this number being dead.

Mr. Laws lived to a ripe old age, being 76 years, 6 months and 9 days old when he died. He united with the Christian Church at Iberia about twenty-five years ago. Brief funeral services, conducted by the writer were held from the home on the 18th in the presence of a goodly number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

At the conclusion of this service the funeral procession started for Iberia where it was joined by others. We were met by many more at the Union Church where the funeral sermon was preached by the writer, from Job 14-10, to a large and sympathetic audience, after which all that was mortal of our Brother was laid to rest to await resurrection. He has left his aged companion, seven children, a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his departure. May God’s blessings rest upon them is my prayer. –Rev. Wm. M. Sooter.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1918

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Pirley Jones, formerly of Iberia, died at his home in Springfield, Mo., Saturday of pneumonia. His two brothers, Everett and Otto, of this place, were at his bedside when he passed away. The body was shipped back here Monday for burial, accompanied by his wife and his brother, Otto, Everett having returned home on Sunday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning from the home of the deceased son’s mother, Mrs. S.A. Jones, of this place, Rev. R.T. Hodges conducting the services. The body was interred in the Livingston Cemetery by the side of his father who died a number of years ago.

The deceased leaves a wife and two small children who have the sympathy of the entire town and community. A full obituary will appear next week.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1918

Mrs. Frances Maxwell died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Whalen, July 22nd in her 89th year, after a long, lingering illness which tested her faith to the utmost, but the more severe her suffering was the stronger her faith in the Savior became. She passed away with a smile on her lips, saying to the loved ones who stood near, “Jesus has called me”.

She leaves four generations to mourn her absence. The three daughters and one daughter-in-law: Mrs. Elizabeth Whalen, Mrs. Amanda Phillips, Mrs. J.P. Smith, and Mrs. Mary Ann Maxwell, wife of a son who preceded her to Glory eighteen months ago, were with her when the end came.

While it is sad to know her voice is stilled and to see the vacant chamber, we, like the prophet, rejoice in the consolation that though she can’t come back to us, we can go to her.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, September 3, 2008

Kenneth D. "Ken" Welch, age 59, of Eldon, died Monday, September 1, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in St. Louis on April 20, 1949, a son of the late Harold and Delores (Premore) Welch. On June 10, 1983 in St. Louis he was married to Joyce (Cruse) Purdom, who survives at the home.

Kenneth was the Chief Shop Stewart for AmerenUE Local 148. He was a member of the Osage Men’s Club. He was the former Lake Ozark Scoutmaster and was the Assistant Scoutmaster for the Eldon Troop. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon where he taught Sunday school and ushered for many years. Kenneth enjoyed fishing, boating, gardening, and traveling. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Others who survive him include: five children, Diane Abbott and husband Bryan of Fulton, David Welch of Lincoln, Nebraska, Thresa SoWel and husband Robert of Lincoln, Nebraska, Carla Danna and husband Michael of Chesterfield and David Purdom and wife Amanda of Dupo, Illinois; nine grandchildren, Derek, Amanda and Emma Abbott, Robert Sokolik, Emily SoWel, Abrielle and Delaney Danna and Natalie and Savannah Purdom; one sister, Joan Schweickhardt and husband James of Lodi, California and two brothers, Douglas Welch and wife Fern of Foristell and Dennis Welch and wife Judy of St. Charles.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 5, at the First Baptist Church of Eldon. Rev. Bob Buster, Rev. Daniel Popovich and Bro. Charlie Kempf will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Baptist Church Building Fund.

The Iberia Sentinel, August 1916

Mrs. Florence Shackleford, daughter of P.R. Ponder, was born in Miller County July 16, 1872, died at her home near Iberia Aug 1, 1916, age 44 years and 15 days. At the age of 21 years she was married to James H. Shackleford and to this union were born eight children, five girls and three boys-seven of whom are living, also two grandchildren.

Mrs. Shackleford united with the Christian Church at Hickory Point at the age of eighteen, and lived a true, devoted Christian life until she was called home to rest.
Mrs. Shackleford leaves to mourn her loss a husband, seven children, two grandchildren, one sister, three brothers, six half-brothers and sisters, besides many loving friends. She was a dear wife and a kind and loving mother.

It was sad to give her o’er but God does all things well.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning by Rev. Owen Kellison after which the body was laid to rest in the Livingston Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1921

Little “Bud” Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos A. Decker of Hancock, was born Feb. 1, 1916; died January 3, 1921, age 4 years, 11 months and 3 days, leaving behind him father, mother, four brothers, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

This child will be missed by friends as well as home folks, because “Little Bud” was a child full of sunshine, always having a word and a smile for everybody.

The body was laid to rest in the Decker family cemetery near the Brown school house. Funeral Services were conducted by Bro. John Winingham.

The Iberia Sentinel, June 1931

Charles Wesley Condra, one of the well known and highly respected farmers of south Miller County, died at his home near Iberia Tuesday night of this week of a chronic ailment of which he had been a sufferer for some time. He was born near Boonville, Mo., December 16, 1861, being 69 years and 6 months old at the time of his death.

He was married to Emma Wall about forty years ago and to this union five children were born, all of whom are living, namely: Elbert, Homer, Mrs. Anna Bond and Mrs. Ada Shelton all of Iberia, and Herbert of Crocker. He is also survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. Wesley Murphy, of Dixon, who was visiting in California at the time of his death, his two brothers, William and David having preceded him in death during the last 8 months.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o’clock, conducted by Dr. G. Byron Smith of this place, after which burial took place in the Iberia Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

We join in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1931

LaMont Tallman was born in Miller County, Missouri, Nov. 22, 1876, and suddenly passed away at his home in Crocker April 5, 1931, being at the time of his death, 54 years, 3 months and 13 days old. In August 1906 he was united in marriage to Bell Allen of Iberia, Mo. To this union three children were born: Carl and Robert and one daughter, Mamie, all of whom survive.

His wife preceded him in death in 1913 and since that time he and the children have made their home with Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Anderson of Crocker.

Mont was a member of the Crocker Christian Church and other fraternal organizations. He took an active interest in church affairs and was one of the most regular attendants at Sunday school and church.

Mr. Tallman was employed by J.L. Hoops & Sons of Crocker for the past twenty-two years and during that time made a large number of acquaintances in Miller and Pulaski counties, all of whom were his friends.

He was a gentleman in the truest sense, tender hearted, very generous, and a kind and loving father. Besides his children he leaves a host of other relatives and friends who will miss him as the years go by.

Funeral services were conducted at the Crocker Christian Church Monday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. Charles Moneymaker, after which interment was made in Crocker Cemetery.
under direction of J.L. Hoops & Sons, funeral directors. This was one of the largest funerals ever held in Crocker. The estimate was over 800 people.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1932

Mrs. Mary E. Livingston, age 93 years, died Monday, Feb. 8, near Hickory Point at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martha Kelsay with whom she was living.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Marha Kelsay, and three sons, Henry Livingston of Columbia, Mo., Wm. Livingston of Wichita, Kans. and Jesse Livingston of Eldon, Mo.

She had been an active member of the Hickory Point Baptist Church for 81 years and was loved and esteemed by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at the Hickory Point Baptist Church Tuesday conducted by Rev. R.B. Carnett, Lebanon, Mo. Burial was made in the Livingston Cemetery Tuesday afternoon under direction of C.L. Casey, local undertaker, in the presence of a host of relatives and friends.

The Miller County Autogram, June 1931

The Mt. Zion community was shocked and deeply grieved Saturday when Mrs. Victor Jarrett, one of their most loved and respected women, passed into the great beyond. Mrs. Jarrett was sick only a short time. She had been to Iberia and to Tuscumbia during the week preceding her death and was apparently in good health then. The Autogram is indebted to a friend of the Jarrett family for the following contribution:

Opal Smith was the daughter of J.C. and Linnie Smith, born January 14, 1905, and died June 6, 1931, being at the time of her death 26 years, 4 months and 23 days old. She was united in marriage to Victor Jarrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jarrett, December 14, 1922. To this union one child was born, a little daughter, Virginia, 5 years old.

Her mother died when she was 11 days old, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Sooter reared her, and no child was more devoted to parents than Opal was to her grandparents. Her father died 2 years ago last January.

She united with Mt. Zion Christian Church some years ago and lived a devoted Christian life to the time of her death. Some few hours before her death, she made the remark that she was not afraid to die and was ready to go.

Besides her husband and daughter and an aged grandfather, she leaves to mourn her loss, one brother, 2 half brothers, one aunt and stepmother, 6 uncles and a host of other relatives and friends. She was loved and respected by all who knew her and to know her was to love her.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Sooter Sr. at Union Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock, amidst a very large crowd of relatives and friends. His text was from 1st Cor., Chapter 7, verses 29-30.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1932

Charles Edward Thomas, a well known resident of south Miller County, died rather sudden of heart trouble last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bass, in Ulman, with whom he was making his home. Mr. Thomas was a barber by trade and was conducting the shop owned by Mr. Bass. He had been well as usual, having shaved a customer just a few minutes before he suffered the fatal attack.

Mr. Thomas had been a cripple practically all of his life and never was able to do much manual labor. For a number of years, during the lifetime of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wall, he conducted the Wall store at Faith, and since their death he has been working for Mr. Bass in the barber shop.

He is survived by his brother, A.A. Thomas, and sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Keeth of near Luttrell’s Store west of Iberia. He also leaves to mourn his death, two half brothers, Neal Thomas
of Deepwater, Mo., and George Thomas of Clinton, Mo., and a half sister, Mrs. Nancy Ahart of near Bolivar, Mo. His father was William R. Thomas who died many years ago.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith from the Ulman Christian Church and interment was made in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Monday under direction of G.W. Adams, senior member of the Adams & Casey undertaking firm of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1932

Word reached relatives here last Saturday that William C. Adams of Lovelock, Nevada died of tuberculosis December 28. He had been engaged in mining for a number of years, but due to failing health, was compelled to give up the occupation some time ago.

Mr. Adams was born near Iberia and spent his boyhood days here. He left here for the west when a young man, about 34 years ago, and never returned.

He is survived by two brothers and three sisters, namely: G.W. Adams, J.D. Adams, Mary Mace and Mrs. Rosa Farnham of Iberia, and Mrs. Martha Shelton of Oklahoma.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1932

Frank Mackney, brother of Mrs. C.L. Groff and Mrs. Anna Groff of this place, died at the Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis, Monday of pneumonia fever which developed from the removing of his tonsils a few days ago. The body was brought to Iberia Tuesday night by Frank Adams and F.C. Ferguson, in the Adams & Casey funeral coach, and burial was made in a cemetery near the old Mackney place between Crocker and Hawkeye.

Mr. Mackney had visited here quite often in the homes of his sisters during the past few years and was well known by many of our people.

OBITUARY

Frank Howell Mackney was born November 28, 1858, at Libertyville, Ill., and died Monday, December 26, 1932, of pneumonia following a tonsil operation at the Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., being at that time 74 years and 28 days of age.

He was united in marriage to Miss Estella Sterling to which union six children were born, five of whom are still living, namely: Lloyd R. of New York City, Earl A. of Knoxville, Iowa, Cecil C. of St. Louis, Mrs. Lena Strawhun of St. Louis and Sterling L. of Davenport, Iowa, the two youngest being present at the funeral.

He is also survived by five sisters and two brothers namely: Mrs. Emma Felts, Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; Mrs. Jennie E. Bomberger, Checottah, Okla.; Mrs. Adah Holms, Randolph, S. Dak., Mrs. C.L. and Mrs. Anna Groff, Iberia, Mo., David E. and Harry H. Mackney, Crocker, Mo.

The deceased formerly resided at Newburg where he was an employee of the Frisco Railroad for many years but more recently had been spending his time among his children. He was well known and highly respected and the bereaved ones have the sympathy of a host of friends.

The body was brought to Iberia Tuesday evening and taken to the home of his niece, Mrs. Frank Ferguson, and the funeral was conducted Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 1:30 p.m. at Zion Church west of Crocker by Rev. H.C. Green, pastor of the Methodist Church at Waynesville, after which the body was laid to rest in the cemetery nearby under the direction of Adams & Casey funeral directors of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1930

Jodea Johnston Dies of Heart Trouble

A very gruesome experience was endured by the invalid wife of J.R. Johnston from Friday morning 10 o’clock until 6 o’clock Saturday evening of last week, during which time she lie in bed with her dead husband in their humble home near Tuscumbia. Mr. Johnston was subject to heart trouble, and suffering an attack, went to bed by the side of his wife who was an invalid and unable to leave her bed. He died shortly after lying down.
Mrs. Johnston’s physical condition was such that she was unable to give the alarm until his nephew, Minzo Wyrick, came in late Saturday evening. During this period of time, Mrs. Johnston did without food and water or fire of any kind in the house.

Mr. Johnston was born near Brays, Mo., April 2, 1860 and died Dec. 12, 1930, at the age of 70 years 3 months and 10 days. He was married to Lottie Dake Jan. 15, 193, and to this union three children were born, two having died in infancy and the other one (Gertrude) died at the age of 28 years.

He leaves to mourn his death, his invalid wife, one sister, Mrs. Ella Wyrick of Tusculumia, and a host of other relatives and friends. He was a member of the Advent Christian Church of near Brays for 35 years.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday by Rev. Davenport, at Mt. Zion where his body was laid to rest to await the coming of the Lord, for he firmly believed he would sleep till Jesus comes. His favorite song, “We shall sleep but not forever,” was sung by Mrs. D.S. Woody.

Those attending the funeral from St. Anthony and Iberia were: Mr. and Mrs. Grover Dake, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hicks, Mrs. D.S. Woody, Mrs. Ed Shelton, Mrs. M.C. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burks, W.E. Pendleton and Marion Warden. –written by a friend, Mrs. D.S. Woody

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1932

Mrs. Julia A. Brown was born in Windham, N.Y., February 22, 1844, and died in Iberia, February 3, 1932, being 87 years, 11 months and 12 days old. She was a daughter of David C. and Catherine Fancher and accompanied them to Missouri before the Civil War and settled in Miller County near old St. Elizabeth on the Osage River, later removing to Tusculumia during the war for greater safety.

She was united in marriage to John D. Brown, December 23, 1868, and lived in or near Iberia thereafter and has probably resided in the town longer than anyone else now living. She was a member of the Iberia Baptist Church many years.

She is survived by five children, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Belle Thompson, Mrs. Eugenie Brown, Roy and Charles of Iberia and Walter of Joplin. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Alice C. Moore of Eureka, Mo.; one half sister, Miss Bertha Fancher of Iberia, and one half brother, Charles Fancher of Katawa, Kentucky.

Funeral services conducted by Dr. G. Byron Smith were held from the home Friday morning after which interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery by the side of her husband who passed away several years ago.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1933

Mrs. Ellen Osborn, formerly of Iberia, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Short, in Edinburg, Texas, January 3, following a long illness. The body, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Short, was shipped back to Iberia, for burial, arriving here Friday evening.

Funeral services were held here in the home of her nephew, M.J. Davidson, Saturday afternoon, conducted by her old friend and former pastor, R.B. Carnett of Lebanon, Mo., after which the body was laid to rest in the Iberia Cemetery by the side of her husband who preceded her a number of years ago. Adams & Casey, local funeral directors, had charge of the services.

Ellen Hopkins was born November 7, 1850, near Washington, Indiana; died January 3, 1933, in Edinburg, Texas. She was united in marriage to G.A. Osborn, August 18, 1868, in Indiana. To this union were born seven children, four of whom with her husband preceded her in death. Those living are A.L. Osborn, Bristow, Okla.; J.L. Osborn, Pampa, Texas; and Mrs. Elmer Short of Edinburg, Texas. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. J.L. Irwin of Iberia, Mo., and two brothers, John L. Hopkins, Iberia, Mo., and Daniel Hopkins, Washington, Indiana. Her sister, Mrs. Electa Davidson, passed away only a few weeks ago.
She was 82 years, one month and 27 days old.

Soon after her marriage she was converted and united with the Baptist Church at Mt. Olive, Indiana. Coming to Missouri some years later, she with her husband and children lived in Columbia, Tuscumbia and Iberia, where she transferred her membership to the Baptist at the latter place where for may years she was a faithful and loyal member.

She was a true wife and mother, and above all a true Christian woman whose Christian dignity was greatly admired by her many friends.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff H. Clark attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Walter Martin, at Vienna last Thursday. Mrs. Martin died after a brief illness, having contracted pneumonia while moving to a farm which they recently bought.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church at Vienna, conducted by the pastor; and interment was made in the cemetery at that place.

Mrs. Azelia Martin was born in Miller County, near the old Claxby post office, Feb. 13, 1885, being 40 years old at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband and six small children. She also leaves a full brother, Cliff H. Clark of Iberia, and several half brothers and sisters to mourn her departure.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1925

Charles Helton, son of Isaac Helton (deceased), was born June 15, 1870, in Maries County, Mo., on the Little Maries Creek. Died February 10, 1925, age 55 years, 7 months and 25 days.

He was united in marriage to Lona Fin February 14, 1891, and to this union one child was born, Charles Elmer. He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, son and three grandchildren.

A large crowd attended the funeral exercises which were conducted by Rev. Fred Ricker, at the Stokes Cemetery. He was a member of the Christian (Newlight) Church at Little Tavern Church. He was a good husband, kind father, and good neighbor—honest and truthful and respected by everyone.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1922

Monday morning about 10:30, while adjusting something about a gasoline engine which was furnishing power to operate a well drill at Willie Farnham’s new residence property in south Iberia, Sam Jarrett, seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jarrett, living about three miles west of town, was caught in the fly wheel of the engine and fatally injured. He was picked up lifeless, placed on a cot and rushed to the home of his uncle, George Jarrett, where his injuries were dressed by Drs. von Gremp and Duncan. On examination he was found to have suffered a fractured skull, broken jaw bone and other serious injuries about the face and forehead. He died about 7:30 p.m. without regaining conscience.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. C.M. Sooter, were held Tuesday afternoon in the Fairview Church three miles north of Iberia, after which interment was made in the Jarrett Cemetery.

The entire community joins in extending condolence to the bereaved family in this their hour of deepest sorrow.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1923

Miss Lura Setser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Setser, was born July 3, 1896; died at the home of her parents in Tuscumbia Friday, Feb. 9, 1923.

Miss Setser contracted tuberculosis a year or so ago and shortly afterwards was compelled to give up her clerical work in the court house at Tuscumbia, where she assisted her
father in the Collector’s office, and for some time was assistant county clerk. She established a reputation for efficient service rendered while working in this capacity. Prior to her parents moving to Tuscumbia, she was one of the Southside’s successful school teachers, having taught two terms in the Iberia Public schools and a number of years in the rural districts.

She was a kind, loving daughter, and her devotion to the family circle had no limit. She was also a member of the Christian Church and her life was one worthy of emulation.

Well may those dear to her cherish her memory as a precious legacy and we fain would say a word of comfort to the grief stricken ones we can but let our tears flow in sympathy with theirs, and point them to the promise, “At eventide it shall be light.”

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1923

What seemed to be the saddest and most heart rending shock that ever visited this community occurred at Fairview Church north of Iberia last Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. Stella Setser, wife of Collector C.C. Setser, died while the funeral sermon was being preached by Rev. C.M. Sooter over the body of her daughter who had passed away at their home in Tuscumbia on Friday morning of tuberculosis from which she had been suffering for some time.

Mrs. Setser had been as well as usual, but a severe attack of the flu a few years ago had left her with a weak heart, and the grief over the death of her daughter rendered her condition somewhat alarming. Realizing her condition her husband advised her to stay at home and not attend the funeral, but, like any devoted mother, she insisted on coming and the family finally consented.

On the way over from Tuscumbia she experienced several sinking spells and at the Brumley place the funeral procession was stopped and Dr. von Gremp of this place was called to meet them at the church when they arrived. On the arrival at the church, Dr. von Gremp at once saw that Mrs. Setser’s condition was serious and administered a stimulant hoping that it might strengthen her so that she could resist the shock. But before the minister had proceeded far with his sermon, her condition grew worse and she was removed from the building and placed in a car where she could get more fresh air. She only lived a few minutes after being placed in the car.

Her daughter, Mrs. James Spearman, and her brother, Petty Musick, both of whom have also been left with weak hearts from the effects of the flu, were so effected by the shock that their condition became alarming, and for some time it took heroic work on the part of the physician and friends to relieve the tense situation.

The funeral services were brought to a close as soon as possible and the bodies of both Mrs. Setser and her daughter were brought on to Iberia and held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Adams until Sunday afternoon when they were conveyed to the Livingston Cemetery, three miles northwest of Iberia, and both bodies interred in the same grave in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Mrs. Setser held an insurance policy in the Springfield Mutual amounting to about $425, and her daughter, Lura, $1,000 in the Metropolitan.

Obituary

Mrs. C.C. Setser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Musick, was born in Miller County July 26, 1879; died Feb. 10, 1923, being 43 years, 6 months and 14 days old at her death. She was a devoted Christian woman, being at the time of her death a member of the Christian Church. (Lengthy sermon message omitted from this transcription).

The deceased leaves to mourn her departure a husband, one son and two daughters, namely: Johnny, Sarah and Mrs. James Spearman. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. H.A. Cotton, of Warrensburg, Ill., three sisters—Mrs. Charley Thompson of St. Louis, Mrs. Bennett Steen of Camden County, and the youngest sister, Electa, of Chicago, also a brother, Perry Musick of East St. Louis.

Unknown Publication, April 1919
Mary J. Melton
The subject of this sketch was born in Miller County, Mo., on the 10th day of February 1864, and departed this life April 28th 1919, at the age of 55 years 2 months and 18 days. Early in her girlhood days she made that noble confession, uniting with the Methodist Church at Harmony.

On the 20th day of May, 1883, she was married to Wm. Harris who preceded her to the other world. To this union were born six children, all of whom survive her. They are Everett, John, Grover and Ralph Harris, Mrs. Clarence Blackburn of near Tuscumbia and Mrs. Elmer Rush of Kansas City.

She was married the second time to James E. Melton of Tuscumbia on the 24th day of August, 1904, and soon after her last marriage she united with the Christian Church at Tuscumbia and she has lived a devoted Christian life. The children have lost a kind and devoted mother. Mr. Melton, her second husband, also preceded her to the grave.

Mrs. Melton died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Rush of Kansas City, and the remains were brought to Tuscumbia for burial. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church by Eld. Davis of Eldon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Tuscumbia Cemetery, there to await the final resurrection.

Unknown Publication, March 1918
Lizzie Augusta Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caloway Wyrick, was born April 31, 1884, died March 19, 1918, age 34 years, 11 months, 11 days. She was united in marriage to Ira Adcock Sept. 1900; to this union were born 10 children, 7 boys Calvin, Ralph, Arley, Stanley, William and Homer. Girls: Effie and Verry. Calvin, the oldest boy and two infant girls preceded her to the spirit land. She confessed faith in Christ, united with the Christian Church on the morning of March 19th and died in the evening of the same day.

Lizzie was born and raised near Tuscumbia, Miller Co. Mo., where she has a great many relatives and friends. She had the reputation in the neighborhood I which she lived and died as being a good neighbor and tender hearted woman. Some 3 or 4 years ago she became afflicted with lung trouble, lost her health, received treatment but all efforts failed. And in the evening of the 19th she quietly and peacefully passed out without a struggle.

Before she died she called for her children; the relatives presented the little group of 7; she gave them a mother’s last farewell look. These poor little children have no mother now. Their dear mother went away. (balance of sentiments omitted here)

Among those left to mourn her loss is the husband, children, father and four sisters, Elvia Crismon, Melvia Lawson, Engie Weitz, Sarah Thompson, and Joseph, a brother. The funeral was conducted by the writer at the Mt. Zion Church in the presence of a very large congregation who had gathered there to pay their last tribute of respect, so justly due the departed. (sermon portion of obituary omitted here).

Without acting on the advice of any one the writer called for a freewill offering. The good people willingly responded to the call by contributing $22.79, this amount was turned over to Ira and the children….

The body was laid to rest in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. –C.M. Sooter

Unknown Publication, March 1924
By Happy Hollow Correspondent
Mrs. Martha A. Long of near Concord Church died one day last week. She had been sick for a long time. The body was interred in the Concord Cemetery. Her husband died several years ago.

She leaves five sons and three daughters, Jim of Springfield, Charlie of Miami, Okla., Mrs. Sallie Whittle of Sedalia, Mo. The other five, Mrs. Nancy Lawrence, Mrs. Lizzie Long, John, George and Sam, live near where their mother died.
Louise C. Rowden, age 81, of Meta, died Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Arkansas on October 10, 1926, daughter of John and Ethia (Heart) Clark. In March 1941, in Miller County, she was married to Hurbert V. Rowden, who preceded her in death. She was a member of Lighthouse Worship Center near Dixon.

Survivors include three sons, Dale Rowden and wife Sandy of St. Elizabeth, Gary Rowden and wife Debbie of Mountain View, and Ralph Rowden and wife Annie of Iberia; two daughters, Myrlea Mattocks and husband Lloyd of Meta, and Joyce Alexander and husband Steve of Lohman; one daughter-in-law, Cindy Hilkemeyer and husband Rick of Freeburg; one sister, Lillie Hollis of Vienna; one brother, George Clark of Meta; 19 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Jimmy Rowden; one granddaughter, Stephanie Dawn Rowden; one son-in-law, Curt Farrow, three sisters, Myrtle, Bertha, and Mary; two brothers, Clarence and Bill; and three infant siblings.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Lloyd Mattocks will officiate. Interment will be in Brays Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Brays Cemetery.

Freda Jeanette Wright, age 84, of Iberia, died Thursday, September 11, 2008, at her home. She was born in Brumley, on March 4, 1924, daughter of James and Ada (Duncan) Plemmons. On September 21, 1946, in Brumley, she was married to Arthur William Wright, who preceded her in death on February 25, 1999.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was an avid Mizzou and Cardinal fan and was a member of Mt. Union Church of Christ near Brumley. Survivors include one son, Jerry Wright and wife Sandy of Iberia; three grandsons, William Wright and wife Amy of High Point, Zachary Wright and fiancée Stephanie of Loose Creek, and Quentin Wright and wife Megan of St. Elizabeth; one great-granddaughter, Kamdyn Wright of High Point; two sisters, Katie Snelling of Richland, and Shirley Baker of Raytown; very special friend, Vivian Humphrey of Iberia; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and three sisters.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Ralph Byrd officiating. Interment will be in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Freda Wright Memorial Fund.

George H. Rehagen of St. Elizabeth, died at the age of 61 at the University Of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia on Monday September 6, 1971. A retired farmer and former employee of a charcoal kiln firm at Meta, George lived his entire life in Miller County, except for a short residency in St. Louis.

He was buried 9 Sept. 1971 at St. Lawrence Cemetery, St. Elizabeth, Missouri. He is survived by his wife, the former Catherine Scheuler, who lives at the home in St. Elizabeth, Missouri. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society.

Survivors include one son, Lawrence H. Rehagen of Meta; 2 daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Nilges of St. Elizabeth and Mrs. Marjorie Herigon of St. Thomas; 3 sisters, Mrs. Emma Weidinger of St. Elizabeth, Mrs. Anna Otto of Dixon, and Mrs. Martha Otto of Iberia; 1 brother, Joseph Rehagen of Jefferson City, and 7 grandchildren.
Jefferson City News Tribune, Thursday, September 11, 2008

**Avis Eugene Kiser, Sr.,** age 77 of Eldon, died Tuesday, September 9, 2008, in Jefferson City.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen Kiser of the home; three daughters, Sandy Rapier of Jefferson City, Ann Williamson of St. Louis and Christine Kiser of Olean; two sons, Avis Kiser, Jr. of Holts Summit and Phillip Kiser of Columbia; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 12-2 p.m. on Friday, September 12, at the Philips Funeral Home, Eldon, with funeral services following at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Olean Cemetery, Olean.

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Dolores Philamina Loethen, age 68, of Henley, died Tuesday, September 9, 2008, in Jefferson City. She was born December 10, 1939, in Henley, the daughter of Leo Henry Loethen and Alma Gertrude (Kempker) Loethen.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church of Mary's Home. She graduated from the R.J. Delano Institute for Handicapped Children in Kansas City. She liked to embroider quilt blocks, listen to her favorite TV and radio programs, and enjoyed talking to her friends and relatives.

Survivors include: her mother, Alma Loethen, of the home; aunt and uncle, Martha and Fred Schulte, of Henley, and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, several uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Mary's Home, with the Rosary being prayed at 7:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 12, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, with Rev. Patrick J. Shortt and Rev. Gregory Oligschlaeger officiating. Burial will be in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Eugene. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church or Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery.

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Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, September 9, 2008

**Dorothy Ann Luebbering,** 74, of Wardsville, Mo., died Sunday, September 7, 2008, at St. Mary's Health Center. She was born on June 13, 1934, in Koeltztown, Mo., the daughter of the late Gerhard F. and Mathilda Raab Bax. She was married on August 2, 1958, in Freeburg, Mo., to Stanislaus Christopher Luebbering, who died on May 23, 1998.

A homemaker, Mrs. Luebbering was employed for several years as a cook at Blair Oaks High School and also served as a housekeeper and babysitter. She was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Wardsville; Ladies Sodality; and enjoyed crocheting, gardening, ceramic work, crafting, fishing, and camping.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Penelope and Keith Pecher, Wardsville; three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Janet Luebbering, Tony and Darlene Luebbering, and Tim and Diane Luebbering, all of Wardsville; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters and their husbands, Rita and Reuben Luebbering, Westphalia, Mo., and Patsy and Ed Nelson, Eugene, Mo.; and four brothers and their wives, Emil and Maxine Bax, Freeburg, Mo., Gerhard Jr. and Virginia Bax, Freeburg, Mo., Elmer and Rita Bax, Westphalia, Mo., and Fred and Brenda Bax, Jefferson City. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Victor Bax and Robert Bax.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Thursday, September 11, 2008, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Wardsville, with the Rev. Gregory C. Meystrik officiating. Burial will be in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Wardsville. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, September 10, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the St. Stanislaus Catholic School, 6410 Route W, Jefferson City, MO 65101-9702.

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**Herbert Anthony Boeckmann,** 76, of Linn, Mo., passed away Sunday, September 7, 2008, at his home. He was born March 10, 1932, in Koeltztown, Mo., to the late Stephen and
Adelheide (Luebbert) Boeckmann. On October 1, 1955, he was married to Berniece Velma Epple at the Assumption Catholic Church in Morrison, Missouri by the late Fr. Donahue. She survives at the home.

Herbert served in the Army from October 1952 to 1954, and fought in the Korean conflict. He worked at McGraw Edison for 10 years and then at the Chrysler Corporation in Fenton, Missouri for 27 years. After his retirement in 1991, he worked part-time at the Department of Revenue and the Linn School District. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandson. He also enjoyed camping and gardening. Herbert was an avid horseshoe player who had won many trophies and other prizes. He was a member of the VFW in Linn, a member of the Linn Knights of Columbus and also a 4th degree member at Westphalia.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lynn R. King and one son, Steven E. Boeckmann, both of Linn; four grandchildren, Samantha R. King, Steven E. Boeckmann Jr., Bradley L. Boeckmann, and Kalynn M. Boeckmann; one great-grandson, Anthony R. King; four brothers, Victor (Jeri) Boeckmann of St. Louis, Joseph (Ann) Boeckmann of Jefferson City, David (Esther) Boeckmann of Taos, and Arthur (Helen) Boeckmann of Wardsville; five sisters, Monica (Vic) Bruemmer of Jefferson City, Viola (Elmer) Weber of Westphalia, Rosemary (Ray) Bishop of Centertown, Frances (Fred) Schwartz of Vienna, and Anna Marie (Billy) Reinkemeyer of Jefferson City; one sister-in-law, Agnes (Ken) Uplinger of Columbia; and two brother-in-laws, Gail (Goldie) Epple of Jefferson City and Dennis Epple of Morrison; and the family pet, Teddy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Adelheide; mother and father-in-law, Velma and Edward Epple; brothers, Alphonse, Lawrence, and Raymond Boeckmann; brothers-in-law, Roy Epple, Tony Bisges, and Martin Wolken; sisters-in-law, Margaret, Clara, Emma, Gertrude, Margie Boeckmann, and Venita Epple.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at Morton Chapel in Linn. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at St. George Catholic Church with Fr. I.C. Medina as Celebrant. Interment will follow at the St. George Church Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the St. George School Lunch Program or Masses may be given. Arrangements are under the direction of Morton Chapel in Linn, Mo.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, Sept 11, 2008

Theresa S. Stone Helton, 82, of Versailles died Tuesday Sept. 2, 2008 in Jefferson City. She was born Nov. 20, 1925, in Clayton, N.M., to Bryant E. and Susie Monroe Denman. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Nile F. Stone and her second husband, J.W. Helton. Mrs. Helton was a member of the Mount Nebo Church in Versailles.

Surviving are four daughters, Glenda Stone of Rocky Mount and Brenda Coleman, Lena Mantle and Loretta Stone, all of Eldon; three sons, Dale F. Stone of Versailles and Gale L. Stone and Jr. Wayne Stone, both of Eldon; three stepdaughters, Mary Henderson of Iberia, Theresa Wiulls of St. Louis and Rose Blankenship of Lake Ozark; four stepsons, James Helton of Spencer, Okla., John Helton of the state of North Carolina, Kevin Helton of Farmington and Paul Helton of Kansas City, Kan.; 44 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and a brother, Glen Denman of Bakersville, Calif.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Monday at Philips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. John Schifflet officiating. Burial was in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Memorials may be made in care of the family.

Lonnie Lee Phillips, 70, of Wellsburg, Iowa, died Friday, Sept. 5, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, Iowa. He was born May 15, 1938, in Ulman to Harland and Jewel L. Horton Phillips. He was married Feb. 15, 1956, in Eldon to Marylene Harms, who survives at the home.
After their marriage, the couple made their home in Eldon. They moved to Wellsburg, Iowa, in 1965. He worked at Green Products in Conrad, Iowa, and J.P. Car Wash and McFadden Auto, both in Marshalltown, Iowa, until his retirement in 1998. He was a member of the Smokey Ridge Muzzle Loaders.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons and their wives, Lennie and Dixie Phillips of Grundy Center, Iowa, Lonnie Mark and Kim Phillips of Wellsburg, Iowa, and Martin and Janelle Phillips of Wadena, Iowa; a daughter and her husband, Monica and Jeff Simons of Wellsburg, Iowa; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sylvia (Clark) Vernon of Eldon and Jaleen (Bob) Duncan of Excelsior Springs; and two brothers, Walter (Beverly) Phillips of Des Moines, Iowa, and Harold Phillips of Carlisle, Iowa. His brothers Victor and James Phillips preceded him in death.

He was cremated. Memorial services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Doyen-Abels Funeral Home in Wellsburg, Iowa, with the Rev. Harold Miller officiating. Burial was in Wellsburg Reformed Church Cemetery in Wellsburg. Memorials may be directed to the family.

**Sylvia C. Steinman**, 78, died Monday, September 8, 2008, at Manor Care Nursing Home in Florissant, Missouri. Sylvia was born March 15, 1930, the eighth child of the late Henry W. and Johanna K. Steinman of St. Elizabeth, Missouri. At a very young age, she contracted spinal meningitis. Since her parents’ death in the sixties, she has been a resident at Emmaus Home in St. Charles, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings. She is survived by one sister, Viola Wolfe, of Taos, Missouri, two brothers, (Vincent of House Springs, Missouri and Anthony (Florence) of Rochester, Minnesota; and three generations of nieces and nephews. Dear sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt, great-great-aunt, cousin, and friend to all who knew her.

The family is being served by the Baue Funeral Home, 20 Jefferson Street, St. Charles, MO, where visitation will be held Wednesday, September 10, 2008, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 11, 2008, at the Emmaus Home Chapel, 2200 Randolph St., St. Charles, MO. Interment will be in the Emmaus Home Cemetery, 11900 Emmaus Dr., Marthasville, MO. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Emmaus Home, American Heart Association, Masses, or the American Cancer Society.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1924

**George Cofer**, age 80 years, a well-know citizen of the Alder Springs neighborhood, died last Sunday afternoon of apoplexy.

The body was taken to Jamestown, Morgan County, the former home of the deceased, Monday by Clarence Casey of the Adams & Casey undertaking firm of this place, accompanied by John Cofer, son of the deceased. Interment was made in the family burying ground at Jamestown Tuesday.

Mr. Cofer came to Miller County about fourteen years ago and for a number of years owned and resided on the farm now owned by Rev. Wm. Sooter. A few years ago he bought a farm near Alder Springs where he resided until his death.

He is survived by a wife and two sons, John of Iberia and Joe of Jamestown, Mo.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1924

**Mrs. George Wilson (nee Mary Moss)**, died at her home near Sudheimer about seven miles east of Iberia, Monday afternoon following a brief illness. Mrs. Wilson, a few days prior to her death, pricked her hand with a pin fastened about her dress, causing an infection which rapidly developed into blood poison. In spite of everything that could be done by skilled physicians, death came as the only relief. She is survived by her husband and several children. Three of her sons, Boon, Victor and Bryan, are well known by many of the Sentinel readers.
Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Union Church near Brays and were conducted by Rev. Chas. M. Sooter of the Christian (Newlight) Church of which the deceased was a devout member. Interment was made in the Union Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, June 1922
The Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fielding Hamilton Monday, June 19, 1922, taking away their little baby, William Brice, age 11 months, and 27 days. Little Brice was sick 20 days before God took him to that beautiful home in heaven.

He leaves father, mother, two brothers and one sister, grandparents and many other near relatives and friends to mourn his loss. But we know that our loss is his eternal gain. For the Lord giveth and he taketh away. We know he is sweetly resting in the arms of our blessed Savior and he shall suffer no more. Their darling baby was with them only a short time. He was budded on earth to bloom in heaven. All the power of many friends, father, mother and two physicians was done but God called him home. We know that little Brice cannot come back, but thank God we can meet him if we only put our trust in God. With sorrow we can miss his little blue eyes and sweet smiles in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

He was laid to rest in the Capps Cemetery on the following day. So we hope and pray that we shall meet little Brice in that land of endless days where we shall dwell with him forever and ever. –by a cousin, Minnie Clark

Unknown Publication, October 1920
It is with deepest sorrow that we chronicle the death of Nellie Marie Pemberton, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Pemberton, formerly of Miller County but now of Toronto, Camden County. The little one died October 23, 1920, at the age of one year and two months. She leaves father and mother, two sisters, three brothers, grandparents and many relatives and friends. The body was laid to rest in the Williams Cemetery.

-an Aunt, Matilda Pemberton

Unknown Publication, June 1922
Little Lois Marie Martin, aged 4 years, 8 months and 28 days, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Martin, died at her home in Iberia, Saturday night, June 17, after a three weeks’ illness of typhoid fever.

Thus over a happy home the shadows of grief have been thrown by her departure. This baby life was so precious, so fraught with blessings to her parents, brothers and sisters that she seemed a flower of paradise permitted to bloom for a brief season by their side then recalled by the all-wise Father, leaving the earth road for them dark and lonely indeed. Death it seems is a hard master. It takes from us our brightest and best, but it cannot even mar memory. The memory of little Lois’ babyhood life while with us will serve as a balm to our wounded hearts.

Impressive funeral services were held from the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, June 18, at 3 o’clock, conducted by Rev. W.S. Birge, pastor of the Baptist Church, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. After the services at the church the little body was conveyed to the town cemetery and there laid to rest.

Unknown Publication, March 1922
Little James Russel Roark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Roark, died at his home near Tusucmbia Thursday, March 9, 1922, age one year, one month, six days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Straucamp, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Lea of Iberia, after which the remains were laid to rest in the town cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, Unknown date
George Whittle, age 72, died on Wednesday of last week of leakage of the heart at the home of his son, Atho, near Henley, Mo., where he and his wife were staying. Mr. Whittle had been afflicted with this trouble for some time and his death did not come unexpected.

He is survived by his wife and several sons and daughters, all of whom are married. He was a brother of Jim, Bob, Albert, Lee and ___ V. Whittle and Mesdames J.K. Wallis and Az Thomas, all of near Iberia.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Frank Moneymaker on Thursday and interment made in the Right Cemetery, west of Iberia. He was a member of the Brumley Baptist Church.

The Daily Capital News, November 1930

P.J. Iven, 76, widely known resident of Mary’s Home and a brother of Mrs. William Luecke of this city, died early last night at that place following a lingering illness.

Born in Osage County, Mr. Iven moved to Mary’s Home in 1887 where he entered business with Peter Kaullen, who now conducts a store in the 900 block on East High Street here. Mr. Kaullen later disposed of his interests to Mr. Iven, who continued to play a prominent part in the affairs of Mary’s Home until his death. He retired from active business a few years ago.

Besides his widow, who was Margaret Braun before her marriage, one son, Clements Iven of Bagnell, Mo., and four daughters, Mrs. Audrian of Henley, Mrs. Andrew Schwaller of Eugene and Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Tellman of Kansas City, mourn his passing. Three sisters, Mrs. Fred Boehm of Linn, Mrs. John Liverton of Oklahoma and Mrs. William Luecke of this place and a half-brother, Peter Iven of St. Louis also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 o’clock Monday morning at Mary’s Home and burial will be made at that place.

Crocker News, September 1930

Mrs. I.M. Phillips (Nee Izora Isabelle Willis) who has resided north of Crocker for a number of years, passed away about 3:00 Tuesday evening at her home. She had been in poor health for some time, but her condition was not considered serious and her death came suddenly, a terrible shock to relatives and friends.

Of her immediate family she leaves five sons and one daughter; Clovis of York, Nebr., Mrs. Albert Hannah and Clifford, of Hancock, Ray of Alhambra, Calif., Curtis of Redlands, Cal., and Glenn of North Dakota, her husband having died seven years ago. She also leaves three brothers, J.W. Willis, of Crocker, Ed Willis of Sedalia, and F.E. Willis of Chicago, and one sister, Mrs. E.E. Bullock, of Shively, Ky., and other relatives. Mrs. Phillips was highly respected and will be missed in her community. Funeral arrangements have not been completed as we go to press, but burial will be at the Alder Springs Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, September 16, 2008

Phyllis Condra Adams Tussey went to be with the Lord at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles on September 15, 2008. Phyllis was born February 10, 1916, in Tuscumbia, to Everett and Bertha Condra. Phyllis was married to Frank L. Adams and had three children. Frank L. Adams preceded her in death. She later married Robert Tussey who survives at the home.

Phyllis had been a member of the Waynesville and Iberia Baptist Churches before moving her membership to the Eldon First Baptist Church. She was a member of the Iberia Order of the Eastern Star. She graduated from Tuscumbia High School and later the Iberia Junior College.

In her 92 years of life she had worked for the Miller County Courthouse, Secretary of State’s Office in Jefferson City, and the Civil Service in Fort Leonard Wood. She also played an active role in the operation of the Adams and Casey Funeral Home in Iberia. Phyllis’ biggest
accomplishment would be the active role she held in raising her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Phyllis is also survived by two children: a son, George W. Adams of Eldon; a daughter, Carolyn Lewis of Lebanon; seven grandchildren, Lori Adams Anderson of Eldon, Leslie Copeland of Smithville, Michael Lewis of Lebanon, Christy Stokes of Lebanon, Jessica Walls of Fort Lewis, Washington, Tammy Jimenez of Jesup, Georgia, and Ted Courtney Jr. of Bellaire, Ohio; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many special friends.

Phyllis was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Robert Condra; a sister, Gladys Wright; a daughter, Phyllis Ann Courtney; a great-grandson, Dakota Thorsen; a son-in-law, Ted Courtney Sr., and a brother-in-law, Gerald Wright.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Bob Buster will officiate. Interment will be in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Good Shepherd Care Center.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1930

**Freddy Charles**, little 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Duenning, formerly of Granite City, Ill., died of scarlet fever Sunday afternoon about 2 o’clock, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson, north of Iberia. He is survived by his parents and a little sister 3 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Duenning and the children came out from Granite City about two months ago on account of work being slack there and have been staying at the Wilson home while Mr. Duenning works at the Osage Dam.

Funeral services for little Freddy Charles were conducted at the Iberia Cemetery Monday afternoon by President G. Byron Smith of the Junior College and a sextet from the college led by Miss Cass, head of the Music Department, had charge of the singing. Burial was under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

The Iberia Sentinel, May 1931

**Myrrel Clark**, the little eight year old son of Jacob Clark of Jefferson City, died in St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City last Friday afternoon, where he was taken for treatment for a mastoid trouble which developed into meningitis. Myrrel and his two sisters have been making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark of the old Claxby community since the death of their mother a few years ago.

The body of little Myrrel was laid to rest last Sunday in the Vienna Cemetery by the side of his mother. The Sentinel joins in extending condolences to the bereaved ones. 

*Death certificate is under the name Clifford Murl Clark.*

The Iberia Sentinel, May 1930

The death of **Mrs. Ellen Clark**, who passed away at her home here in Iberia Sunday morning, again casts a gloom of sorrow over our little city. Mrs. Clark had been in failing health for about a year and a short time ago was taken to the Lutheran Hospital in St. Louis for special treatment, where it was found that her health was in an extremely alarming condition. Since it was learned that her ailment would not respond to the special treatment, she was brought back home last Friday according to her request.

Sarah Ellen Marchant, oldest daughter of T.J. and Elizabeth Marchant, was born in the state of Arkansas August 7, 1862, and came to Missouri with her parents when 1quite young.

She was married to Charles K. Clark January 18, 1893, and to this union two children were born, Georgia and Ruth, who survive her and lived with their mother until her death. She is also survived by one brother and one sister, A.S. Marchant and Miss Anna Marchant both of
Iberia. Her husband died in 1920. She departed this life at her home in Iberia Sunday, May 18, 1930.

Mrs. Clark was converted in her youth and united with the Baptist Church at Iberia and was baptized in 1885. She lived a consistent Christian life until her death, and was one of the church’s most faithful members.

After a long, busy and useful life she died as she lived—honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived in the hearts of all who knew her.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. R.B. Carnett of Lebanon, Mo., her pastor here for a number of years, were held in the Iberia Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o’clock in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing relatives, friends and neighbors.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, October 1930

Four hours after the birth of a baby girl, her first child, Mrs. Almond Jarrett, 24 died at her home, 309 Tyler Street, last night. The baby was born at 8:30 p.m. and Mrs. Jarrett passed away at 12:30. The infant is alive and apparently doing well.

Mrs. Jarrett, formerly Miss Helen Louise Johnson, was the daughter of J.E. Johnson, well known former Missouri Pacific employee here. He is now living in Centertown where also resides her two surviving brothers, Jean and Ralph Johnson. Her mother was burned to death several years ago in an explosion at the family home here. A sister, Mrs. Jennie Copeland, now deceased, formerly lived in Jefferson City.

The young woman was born and reared in the capital city, attending school here and graduating with the class of 1925 from the local high school. She was popular among her fellow students and had a host of friends who admired and respected her. One year ago she married Almond Jarrett, who survives and the couple resided here.

The funeral took place at the Christian Church at 2:30 o’clock Thursday afternoon and burial was made in Riverview Cemetery. Note: the husband of the deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jarrett, formerly of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, Unknown Date

John C. Peterson, age 73, for many years a resident of Iberia, died in Independence, Kansas last Friday morning, where he was visiting his daughter, Miss Inah Peterson. He had been in failing health for some time but of no alarming degree. He passed away suddenly, falling asleep in his chair.

After an impressive funeral service in Independence, the body, accompanied by his three daughters, Miss Inah Peterson, Miss Artie Peterson and Mrs. Earna Butler, and niece, Mrs. Charles Kalbe, was shipped to Crocker, where it was met Sunday morning by his wife of St. Louis and his son, Glen, of East Orange New Jersey. The body was conveyed to Iberia Sunday afternoon by Adams & Casey, local funeral directors, where funeral services were again conducted at the town cemetery by the Rev. P.J. Eckhoff, pastor of the Iberia Congregational Church, after which the remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife, who died a number of years ago.

Mr. Peterson was well and favorably known in Iberia, having lived here for many years, where he operated a blacksmith shop and later was a traveling salesman for the Beck & Corbit Iron Co., of St. Louis. After the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Ella Gover, who before her first marriage was a Gott, a sister of Mrs. Gilbert Watkins of Watkins. To this union was born a son who met instant death in an airplane crash something over a year ago.

Mr. Peterson is survived by his wife who lives in St. Louis, three daughters and two sons—Miss Inah Peterson of Independence, Kans., Mrs. Earna Butler and Miss Artie Peterson of Wichita, Kans.; William I. Peterson of Sapulpa, Okla., and Glen Peterson of East Orange, New Jersey, also a step-son Truman Gover of St. Louis and a brother Bob Peterson of Crocker, MO.
Mr. Peterson was a member of the Big Spring I.O.O.F. Lodge at St. James, Mo., and four of his intimate friends and members of that lodge, J.F. Burge, Earnest Gunter, W.C. Jacobs and Lewis Lee, were here and conducted the last sad rites at the grave.

Rekus Funeral Home web site, September 2008

Helene M. Springman, age 78, of Eldon, died Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at Eldon Nursing and Rehab. She was born in St. Louis on November 17, 1929, a daughter of the late Ben and Ruby (Pace) Wright. On January 24, 1949, in Mountain Home, Arkansas, she was married to Delbert Springman, who preceded her in death on October 1, 1996. Helene was a homemaker and member of the Blue Springs Baptist Church.

Those who survive her include: one daughter, Kitty Waller and husband Bob of Flagstaff, Arizona; two sons, Rick Springman and wife Susan of Eldon and Stanley Springman of Nevada; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Two brothers, Robert and William Wright and one sister, Pretis Taft, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, September 19, with services immediately following at 11:00 a.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Bro. John Shifflet will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Blue Springs Baptist Church Scholarship Fund.

Sandra L. Fleming, age 60, of Iberia died Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at her home. She was born in Michigan on September 22, 1947, daughter of Adrian and Irene Fleming. She was a loving and caring person whose grandchildren were the most important thing in her life. She enjoyed raising and caring for animals of all kinds.

Survivors include two sons, Scott Dearing and Daniel Szalkowski both of Iberia; one daughter-in-law, Penny France of Freeburg; two grandchildren, Katrina Dearing and Christopher Dearing both of the home; and a special friend, Becky Tetley of Iberia.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sandra Fleming Memorial Fund.

James Melvin “Jim” Henderson, age 80, of Iberia, passed away on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at the Springfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Crocker on February 26, 1928, son of Crayton and Helen Henderson. On September 23, 1947, in Waynesville, he was married to Shirley Charlene Smith, who preceded him in death on July 12, 1996.

He and his wife owned an auto repair shop and throughout Jim’s life, cars were always a part of his life. He accepted a teaching position at the Waynesville Vocational Technical School and taught auto mechanics for 12 years before retiring. Jim was a wonderful teacher and mentor to his vocational high school students and many other students throughout his life. Upon retiring from teaching, Jim worked as a salesman at Hauck Chevrolet in St. Robert where he had a reputation for fairness and honesty. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crocker and served as a member of the Missouri National Guard in Jefferson City.

Survivors include two daughters, Cindy Henderson Snead of Springfield, and Kathy Williams and husband Randy of Iberia; one son, Daniel Guy Henderson of the State of Mississippi; one brother, George Douglas Henderson of Crocker; three granddaughters, Trisha Luttrell and husband Kevin of Iberia, Melissa Edwards and husband Simon of Iberia, and Jamie Henderson of Richland; two grandsons, Aaron Snead of Springfield, and Andrew Henderson and wife Tracey of Eldridge; eight great-grandchildren, Cailin, Grace, and Chloe Edwards, Madison and Morgan Luttrell, Sydney Snead, and Katie and Haley Henderson. Also surviving are special family members, Dick and Mac Henderson of Bolivar; two sisters-in-law, Bonnie and Bob

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Cadwell of Sarcoxie, and Carol and Don Mihalevich of Springfield, and many other friends in the Crocker and Iberia areas.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a son, James Patrick Henderson all of Crocker.

Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. on Friday, September 19, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Doug Jacobson officiating. Interment will be in Crocker Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to Oxford Healthcare and Hospice, 3660 South National Avenue, Springfield, MO or to the Crocker Senior Center.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1925

Hattie A. Hughes, daughter of Jonathan Hughes, was born Dec. 5, 1836, in Scioto County, near Portsmouth, Ohio, and died January 19, 1925, at the home of her son, George Patterson, in east Miller County, Mo. She was 88 years, 1 month and 1 day old at the time of her death.

She was united in marriage to George R. Patterson and to this union four children were born. The husband and three children preceded her in death. She has one son living, George W. Patterson, with whom she was making her home when she died. She later was married to James A. Kershner, who died about three years ago.

She leaves her son and his wife and six grandchildren to mourn her departure. She was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery near Brays beside her husband James A. Kershner.

She was a devoted member of the Christian (Newlight) Church.

-written by a grandson, Harry Patterson

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1919

Charles O. Melton, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Melton, departed this life at the age of 21 years, at the home of his parents in Carrollton, December 13, supposedly of heart trouble. He was sick but only a few minutes though conscious of the approaching end, and expressed the desire to be buried beside his grandmother Wright at this place.

Charlie was a model young man, kind to his parents, and fondness for home made him very dear to his aged parents and best of all, he was a member of the church for which Christ died; a regular attendant at Sunday School and gave promise of being a zealous leader in church work. He was a student of the Carrollton High School and would have graduated next spring.

Funeral services were held at his home town before he was brought to Tuscumbia, but a short service was conducted at our city cemetery Monday, before his burial, attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Besides father and mother, he leaves two step-brothers, Edgar and Donald, and numerous other relatives and friends to mourn his premature death.

The following relatives and friends from a distance attended the funeral services here: W.H. Ousley and wife and Virgil Ousley, Eldon; Mrs. Willie Melton, Illinois; Edgar Melton and daughter Olean; Donald Melton, Carrollton; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, Mrs. Tol Binkley, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Jenkins and Miss Clara Holloway of Eugene.

A Sedalia Newspaper, Unknown Date

Miss Edna May Arnold, aged 20 years, who had been ill for several months with tuberculosis, died at the family home one mile east of the Missouri Pacific shops at 3:30 o’clock Sunday morning.

Miss Arnold is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold, three brothers, Elmer, Hubert and Walter and one sister, Miss Lillian Arnold, all living near Sedalia.
Funeral services were held at 2 o’clock Monday afternoon at Bethlehem Chapel, south of Sedalia, Rev. DeWitt of Clifton City officiating. Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery. The deceased is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Mace, living just west of Iberia.

**Unknown Publication, November 1919**

**Edith Bear**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bear, was born Oct. 4, 1900, died Nov. 28, 1919. She was a member of the Newlight Christian Church and leaves to mourn her loss a mother, four sisters and three brothers and a host of friends.

Deceased began failing in health about one year ago and as her physical condition became weaker it was decided to send her away in hope that the change of climate might restore her health, but shortly after her arrival in Albuquerque, New Mexico, she was stricken with tubercular meningitis and in the afternoon of Nov. 28, the death angel came and took her away. (Lengthy sentiments omitted here). —by a sister, Mrs. Katie Stark

**The Iberia Sentinel, December 1916**

**Mrs. Nancy J. Hill** was born Sept 4, 1840, died Dec 29, 1916, in Iberia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wes Dickerson, with whom she had been making her home for some time.

The deceased was the mother of seven children, all of whom are living except a daughter who died when quite young. Her daughters are Mrs. Mary Hickman and Mrs. Anna Dickerson, her sons, John, Lewis, Henry and Charles. Her two daughters and two of her sons, Henry and Charles, were at her bedside when the messenger death came. Her sister, Mrs. Lucy Keeling of Eureka Springs, Ark., was also present. Another sister, Mrs. Sarah George of Ramonville, Mo., arrived Sunday morning after her death. Her other sister, Mrs. George Payne of Richland was here during her sickness but was absent when she died.

Mrs. Hill had for many years been a truly and devoted member of the Baptist Church. At all times she held the love and respect of all her acquaintance. She was willing and anxious to aid the suffering, cheer the desponding, sustain the weak and to throw over the frailties of our race and mantle of Christian charity, and when death came in its peaceful way to her, the Christian hope made her farewell to her earthly home only a happy departure.

Short funeral services were held at the Dickerson home Sunday morning, Rev. Geo. W. Rob-… balance of article missing. *She was buried in the Iberia Cemetery per death certificate.*

**The Iberia Sentinel, January 1919**

**Theodore Deardeuff** died Jan. 11, 1919. He leaves a wife and eleven children, father, two brothers and six sisters to mourn his departure. Three of his sisters could not attend the funeral on account of sickness.

He was laid to rest in the Bethany Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 12th, Rev. Bell of Crocker conducting the funeral services.

It is hard to say goodbye, but oh how sweet to meet him in the Judgment Day. We thank those who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our dear brother.

--contributed by his sister, Verta Deardeuff

**Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, September 18, 2008**

**Jimmie R. Burton**, age 75, of Iberia, died Thursday, September 18, 2008, at University Hospital in Columbia. He was born in Draper, Kentucky, on April 29, 1933, son of William and Eva Julia (Hamby) Burton. On April 3, 1955, in Independence, he was married to Wanda Sue Douglas, who survives at the home.
He was an Army veteran of Korea and Vietnam serving as an artillery surveying engineer. He was a surveyor for Menefee Construction for many years and was an engineering teacher at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He was a lifetime member and past commander of the Crocker VFW Post 4956.

Other survivors include four children, James Burton and wife Theresa of Iberia, Belinda Voiles of St. Elizabeth, Sue Wall and husband Darrell of Iberia, and David Burton and wife Becky of Sedalia; seven brothers and sisters, Clyde Burton of Florida, Harold Burton of Indiana, Virginia Bryant of Indiana, Maxine Kelly of Kentucky, Sygle Burton of Indiana, Donald Burton of Indiana, and Norma Blevens of Tennessee; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 22, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Greg McClain will officiate. Interment with full military honors will be in Curry Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Curry Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, Sept 18, 2008

**Laura Dinwiddie**, 31 of Eldon, died Monday, September 15, 2008 at her residence near Eldon. She was born on September 18, 1976 in Jefferson City, Missouri the daughter of Harold Dean Shepherd and Karen (Sigel) Kaiser. She was married on November 03, 2001 in Eldon, Missouri to Travis Shawn Dinwiddie, who survives at the home.

She was a member of Ninth Street Christian Church of Eldon, Missouri. She was a licensed real estate broker and a member of the National Association, the State Association and the Bagnell Dam Area Board of Realtors. She was a member of the Children’s Alopecia Project. She has been employed by Gattermeir Realtors for the past 10 years. She was a loving wife, mother, and a special friend to many.

She is survived by her husband, Travis Shawn Dinwiddie of the home; her daughters, Ashlyn and Audrey Dinwiddie, of the home; her mother and step father, Karen and Francis Kaiser of Brumley, Missouri; her brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Jessie Shepherd and their children, Taylor and James, all of Brumley, Missouri; her grandmother, Glendola Shepherd of Eufaula, Oklahoma; along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father and her grandparents.

Visitation will be on Thursday, September 18, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon, Missouri. Funeral Service will be on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 4:00 PM at Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon, Missouri with Chris Reynolds, Minister. Interment will be in the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon, Missouri. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Ashlyn and Audrey Dinwiddie Memorial Fund in care of Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**Terri Schwaller**, 47 of Mary’s Home, died Monday, September 15, 2008 at the University of Missouri Healthcare in Columbia, Missouri. She was born on November 28, 1960 in Tuscumbia, Missouri the daughter of Andy and Pearl (Waldrop) Davenport who survive in Brazito, Missouri. She was married on August 21, 1982 in Mary’s Home, Missouri to Mike Schwaller, who survives at the home.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home, Missouri. She was the manager of the Our Lady of the Snows Credit Union and the Central Electric Power Co-Op Credit Union. She was the Mary’s Home 4-H leader. She graduated from Nichols Career Center earning her LPN. She also did various jobs around the Mary’s Home Community.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Schwaller of the home; her son, Michael Schwaller and his fiancé, Jen Schuh both of Grainvalley, Missouri; her daughter, Amy Schwaller of Henley,
Missouri; her parents, Andy and Pearl Davenport of Brazito, Missouri; and her brother and sister-in-law, Marty and Sharon Davenport of Eldon, Missouri.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Our Lady the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home. A Rosary will be prayed at 4:30 PM along with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home with the Rev. Patrick J. Shortt, Officiating. Interment will be in the Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery in Mary’s Home, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the Little Sisters of the Poor or to the Disabled Veterans of America.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Bill Kidwell passed away Saturday evening September 13, 2008 at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was 70 years old. He was born on October 16, 1937 in Pueblo, Colorado to the late John and Alice (Favorite) Kidwell. On July 20, 1983 he was married in Lake Tahoe, California to Darla (Hunnicutt) Kidwell who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: Daughters Candice Gaffney of Sacramento, California Lori Spoto of Sacramento, California Jamie Fields of Sacramento, California; sons Mike Kidwell of Susanville, California Billy Kidwell of Sacramento, California Richard Grich of Shreveport, Louisiana; seven grandchildren; sisters Penny Morrison of Temecula, California Peggy French of Columbia, Missouri

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter Rebecca Grich, and one sister Joanna Brown. In accordance with his wishes, no services will be conducted for Bill Kidwell. His body has been cremated and interment will be at a later date.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, September 2008

Alexander Greg and Benjamin Allen Helvey infant sons of Jeremiah and Randi Helvey were born and died on September 5, 2008 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.


Memorial Service will be held September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with visitation from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Open Door Baptist Church, 4838 E. Meadowlark Lane, Columbia, MO with private internment at the Eldon City Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to the Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome Foundation, 411 Longbeach Parkway, Eay Village, Ohio 44140 or tttsfoundation.org on behalf of Alexander and Benjamin Helvey.

Patricia Ann Dean passed away Wednesday morning September 3, 2008 at her home near Eldon, Missouri. She was 70 years old. On May 24, 1938 she was born in Clayton, Missouri to the late Ervin and Virginia (Quick) Cooper.

Survivors include: daughters & sons in law Victoria Brown & Kevin Morff of Barnett, Missouri, Rona & Richard Lambert of Barnett, Missouri; sons & daughter in law Victor Jeffries of Barnett, Missouri, Paul Dean & Heather Shipman of Eldon, Missouri; six grandchildren & nine great randchildren; sister Sharon Abbott of Eldon, Missouri; brothers Eugene Cooper of Pacific, Missouri, Arthur Cooper of Eldon, Missouri, David Cooper of New Haven, Missouri.
She was preceded in death by three brothers, Marvin Cooper, Robert Cooper, & Roy Cooper. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Eldon Branch. She worked for Head Start Daycare in Eldon, Missouri for five years. She also worked in home health care for many years.

**Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, August 2008**

**Jason Allen Wood** passed away on August 31, 2008 near Eldon, Missouri. He was 39 years old. He was born on May 14, 1969 in Kansas City, Missouri to Vincel Wood and Maggie (Allen) Moomey who survive. He is also survived by his Fiance Lisa Martin; his daughter Harley Wood; his step children Megan & Dakota; sisters & brothers in law; Samantha Popes & Husband Earl; Stephanie Wood & Fiance Phil Bush; Newphews Earl & Cody Pipes; & Dakota Wood; & Niece Cheyenne Bush.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Robert Allen of Oxford, England and his grandparents Raymond & Irene Wood of Eldon, Missouri.

His body has been cremated and private interment will be at a later date.

**Sue Bryan**, daughter of Wilber Carmichael and Loretta (Baker) Buenning was born on June 15, 1928 in Boonville, Missouri, and died August 27, 2008 in Eldon, Missouri. She was 80 years old. On June 15, 1928 she was married in Boonville, Missouri to Alfred Lavaughn Bryan who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: daughter Angie Bryan of Rocky Mount, Missouri, brother Bob Carmichael of Boonville, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother Ray Carmichael. She was a member of the Eldon United Methodist Church of Eldon, Missouri. Funeral service was Sunday August 31, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. There will be a private interment at a later date in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

**Charles “Walt” Williams**, 83 of Eldon, died Sunday, August 10, 2008 at the Harry S. Truman VA Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He was born on May 20, 1925 in Kansas City, Kansas to Jack and Bessie (Munkers) Williams. He was married on February 20, 1948 in Henrietta, Missouri to Jean (Elder) Williams who survives at the home.

Charles lived most of his early life in Lexington, Missouri. He served in the United States Army during World War II in Germany where he was a prisoner of war. He was honorable discharged on June 30, 1946. He retired after 35 years from the International Milling Company in North Kansas City, Missouri in 1987. He moved to Eldon in 1987. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Williams of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Steven Lee and Faith Williams of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; a daughter, Sandra Faye Williams of Lexington, KY; two grandchildren, Kelly Craig and Lisa Rachelle Williams; one great grandchild, Brett Steven Williams; four sisters, Ruth Fairchild of Higginsville, Missouri, Juanita Jett of Mexico, Missouri, Melissa Burton of Independence, Missouri, and Betty Duncan of Lexington, Missouri.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a grandchild, Derrick Williams; two sisters, Alice Williams and Jean Fairchild; two brothers, William and Herbert Williams.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Phillips Funeral Home Eldon. Graveside Service will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 11:30 am at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett with the Rev. Bob Buster, Officiating. Interment will be at the Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice.
Elizabeth “Liz” Ann Anderson, 51 of Eldon, died Thursday, August 07, 2008, at Capital Region Hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born on September 01, 1956 in Tuscumbia, Missouri to Edmond Schaffer and Elizabeth (Engelmeyer) Wattson. She was married on July 25, 1998 in Lake Ozark, Missouri to James Anderson who survives at the home.

She graduated from Metro Business College in 2005. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri. The family would like to thanks to the N.E.C.A.C. for your services.

She is survived by her husband; James Anderson of the home; her mother Elizabeth Wattson of Clarksville, TN.; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Francis Kloeppe and his wife Tonia of Eldon, Bobby Kloeppe of the home, Four daughters and sons-in-law, Selina Hildenbrand and husband Billy of Rocky Mount, Mary Vedenhoupt and her husband Joseph of Eugene, Candy Floyd of Eldon, and Joyce Brockes of Eldon; Eleven Grandchildren, three great grandchildren, six brothers, and four sisters.

She is preceded in death by her father, and her first husband Louis Kloeppe.

A celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2008 from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the home of her daughter Selina Hildenbrand located at 671 Hwy Y in Rocky Mount, Missouri. Her body has been cremated and private interment will take place at a later date at the Eldon City Cemetery.

Glen E. Love, son of George E. and Millie Mae (Powell) Love was born on March 20, 1922 in Holts Summit, Missouri, and died August 6, 2008 in Columbia, Missouri. He was 86 years old. On February 20, 1946 he was married in Baltimore, Maryland to Louise (Lanum) Love who preceded him in death.


He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives Louise Love, Ruth Love, & Martha Love, two sisters Edith Faye Love & Virginia Bungart, one brother Jimmy Love, and one grandson Kevin Love.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II earning the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal, the Philippine Liberation, and the American Area Victory Ribbon. He was an active member of the VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, Missouri, where he served as Quarter Master for fourteen years. He was also very active in the VFW Funeral Honor Guard for many years.

Visitation will be held Friday August 8, 2008 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday August 9, 2008 at 3:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO. Interment will follow the funeral service at the Eldon City Cemetery. Full Military Honors will be provided at the Graveside by the VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, MO. Rev. Jay Quinn will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, MO.

Keith Frederick Bolt of Eldon, Missouri passed away on August 6, 2008 at Eldon Nursing & Rehab. He was born in Storm Lake, Iowa on August 21, 1925, the son of Edna (Lewis) Bolt and Claude Bolt. On June 6, 1948 he was married to Jean (Allee) Bolt at the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri.
He was a member of the Baptist Church where he helped organize the first married peoples Sunday school class. He served as the President of the Men’s Brotherhood and also served on various committees. He was a former member of the Eldon Golf Course where he served as Secretary and organized several Golf Tournaments during his tenure. He was an Associate member of the Open Door Sunday school class. He was a graduate of Nemeha High School class. He entered the Marine Corps during World War II and served in the Pacific Theater, mostly in the Philippines and Okinowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers Merle Bolt, Kenneth Bolt & Bob Bolt. He is survived by a sister Maxine Brown of Storm Lake, Iowa. He is also survived by his wife, Jean of the home, a daughter Pam Ahart and her husband Mike Ahart and her husband Mike Ahart of Eldon, MO; two grandsons and their wives Jeff & Kelly Ahart; and Jason & Lindsay Ahart, & two great grandsons Cannon & Britton Ahart. He was employed as a funeral director at Phillips Funeral Home for forty years until his retirement.

When Keith first came to Eldon, after the war, his first love was flying airplanes. He took lessons and soloed and enjoyed every minute of his flying time. He was always smiling and loved people. He never complained after many years of pain. In his younger years he loved to play golf and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. He also loved football.

Visitation will be held on Saturday August 9, 2008 at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO from 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Funeral Service will also be on Saturday August 9, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO. Interment will follow the funeral service at the Eldon City Cemetery of Eldon, MO. Full Military Honors will be provided at the Graveside. Officiating will be Rev. Bob Buster. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church Building Fund of Eldon, MO.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Monday, September 15, 2008

Eunice Esther Sooter, 93, Rolla, died Sunday, September 14, 20008, at the Rolla Manor Care Center, Rolla. She was married May 17, 1934, to Dorsie Sooter who preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, Dean Sooter and Robert Sooter, both of Rolla; one daughter, Barbara Weesner, Rolla; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. Interment will be in the Dixon Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday, September 15, 2008, and 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at the funeral home.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, August 2008

Roma Boatman was born March 6, 1929 in Miller County, Missouri and died August 4, 2008 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was married in Harrison, Arkansas to Jess Boatman on October 14, 1950.

Roma was a member of the First Christian Church of Eldon, Missouri. She was head cook for thirty-seven years at the Eldon Schools before her retirement. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one brother George Brown.

Survivors include a son, Paul Boatman, one step son, Wayne Boatman, a step-daughter, Bonnie Braundy, two sisters, Alice Tannehill and Ellen McCubbins, ten grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 5, 2004, and one brother, George Brown.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 6, 2008 from 5-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 7 at the First Christian Church. Interment will be at Gott Cemetery.

Rolla New Era, April 1933
Benjamin Hugh Cross was born Aug 10, 1873, in Miller County, Mo. and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lacy Brookshire, Saturday, April 15. He was married to Rosa Thompson Aug. 12, 1892. To this union were born seven children; three sons, Everett of San Francisco, Roy and Fred of Rolla, Mo., and four daughters, Mrs. Walter Rugg of Dixon, Mo., Mrs. Alice Marlow of Rolla, Mrs. Delpha Brookshire of Beulah, and Stella, who preceded him in death March 5, 1927.

The high esteem in which he was held by his many friends was shown by the large crowd that came to pay their last respect to him whose friendship they had treasured.

He was buried in the Beulah Cemetery Easter Sunday, funeral services being conducted by Elder W.L. Bradford of Rolla.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1933

The community was sad to learn of the death of Joseph W. Koester, who died at his home three miles east of Union, MO., on Highway 50, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1933, at 12:10 o’clock p.m. following an illness of over a year. Funeral services were held at the Immaculate Conception Church at Union and Interment made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Koester was born in Miller County on September 4, 1869. In this county he spent the greater part of his life. He moved to Franklin County in 1923, after which he took up residence in the vicinity of Union, MO.

He was married to Miss Sophia Wilson on February the 12th, 1900. To this union were born eight children, two of the sons having died in infancy. Those living to mourn his passing are George, Leo, James and Roy, and one daughter, Elane, all of Union, and Charles of St. Louis, Mo. There are six grandchildren. HE is also survived by two brothers and three sisters, namely: Mrs. C. Nixdorf of Chicago, Mrs. M. Connelly of Joplin, MO., J.S. Koester of Cape Girardeau, Mo., G.H. Koester of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. W.E. Martin of Eldon, Mo.

Mr. Koester was an active member of the Missouri Knights of Columbus at Union, in which he had held various offices. He was an honorable resident of his community and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Besides his immediate family and relatives, he leaves a host of friends in both Miller and Franklin counties.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1933

Mrs. W.D. Rowden (Susan Caroline), who resided in Iberia many years ago, at the time her husband was engaged in the general mercantile business here, died at her home in Crocker, Wednesday of last week, at the age of 88 years. She was well and favorably known here by many of the older residents.

The Crocker News of last week gives the following account of her death and burial:

“Mrs. W.D. Rowden, for more than 40 years a resident of Crocker, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the home of her son, Everett, after a lingering illness. She was 88 years of age at her last birthday, Nov. 27, 1932, and had a wide acquaintance and scores of warm friends by whom she was greatly admired and dearly loved. The end came quietly, peacefully and without suffering, and she was conscious almost until the end. She is survived by six children, four sons and two daughters: Charles Rowden of Big Piney, John, Everett and Guy Rowden of Crocker, Mrs. Eva Howard of Marshfield, and Mrs. Estelle Wooton of St. James.

“Funeral services will be conducted this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. C. Smutz assisted by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Schone, after which burial will be in the Crocker Cemetery beside her husband who passed on several years ago. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community.”
The Iberia Sentinel, August 1932

The people of Iberia and vicinity were saddened last Thursday when word reached here to the effect that Asa F. Grady had passed away at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Louis, where he submitted to a serious operation, Aug 2 of having a large carbuncle removed from the back of his neck. He had been a sufferer of diabetes for the past year or so, an ailment which had impaired his health causing the carbuncle to form and spread to such an alarming extent that an operation became necessary. However, his weakened condition failed to respond to this treatment of the last resort.

The body accompanied by his wife and his two sons, Calvin and Walter, who had been with him during his final illness, was brought back to Iberia Friday afternoon by C.L. Casey, local funeral director and interred in the town cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Impressive funeral services, conducted by one of his closest friends, Rev. Chas. M. Soooter, assisted by Rev. I.M. Cook of Waynesville, were held in the Baptist Church here Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock in the presence of several hundred more people than could crowd into the house. Members of the Iberia Masonic Lodge, of which he was affiliated, had charge of the burial ceremony.

Mr. Grady was one of our best and most jovial citizens and no doubt had as many friends as anyone living in Iberia. He was of a cheerful disposition and possessed a heart full of sympathy and consideration for his less unfortunate friends and neighbors.

He was one of our most influential businessmen, being the senior member of the Grady & Porter general mercantile company.

OBITUARY

Mr. A.F. Grady of Iberia, Mo. was born in Miller County, Missouri, July 23, 1866; died August 11, 1932, at St. Anthony Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, after a short illness, being at the time of his death 66 years, two weeks and five days old.

He was married to Sarah I. Thompson, March 15, 1895, and to this union were born two children, Calvin W. Grady and Walter F. Grady, both of Iberia, Mo. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Sarah I. Grady, two sons (Calvin and Walter); two grandchildren, Robert and Virginia Grady; two sisters, Mrs. H.F. Carroll of Iberia, Mo., and Mrs. Rebecca Davis of Axtle, Kans.; two half sisters, Mrs. Nan Hicks of Iberia, Mo. and Mrs. Frankie Humphrey of Hancock, MO.; one half brother, Thomas Grady of Iberia, Mo. Another one of his half sisters, Mrs. Susan B. Tyler of Hancock, Mo., departed this life less than a month ago, July 22.

He was a good father, a good husband and a good citizen. He was a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge, having been faithful to this trust for over 24 years. He was also a member of the Eastern Star Order.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, September 2008:

Sondra Kay Bailey, age 58, of Tuscumbia, died Saturday, September 20, 2008, at University Hospital in Columbia. She was born on June 17, 1950, in Decatur, Illinois, daughter of Robert E. and Gale E. (Horath) Evans. On April 29, 1967, in St. Louis, she was married to John Monroe Bailey, who preceded her in death on May 1, 2007.

She was an active member of the Tuscumbia community, an active member of the Tuscumbia Lions Club, and manager of the Red Oak Inn near Tuscumbia.

Survivors include two sons, John Monroe Bailey Jr. of Tuscumbia, and Paul Michael Bailey of Eldon; two grandchildren, Kaitlin Louise Plemons of Iberia, and Jonathon Michael Bailey of Eldon; one great-grandson, Xander James Baxter of Iberia; one sister, Barbara J. (Evans) Abel of Decatur, Illinois; and one brother, Steven “Bean” Evans of Kingman, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, at Tuscumbia Cemetery. Rev. Brian Jarrett will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Missouri River Hospice or in care of the family.
Donald “Gene” Holmes, age 79, of Meta, died Sunday, September 21, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born in St. Louis on January 6, 1929, son of William E. and Gladys M. (Mahan) Holmes. On January 20, 1951, in Summerfield, Illinois, he was married to Doris Jean Lienau, who survives at the home.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of Meta Christian Church. Other survivors include three children, Gary Holmes of Meta, Susan Grant and husband Rick of Lebanon, and Michael Holmes and wife Carol of St. Louis; his twin brother, Ronald “Bud” Holmes of Argyle; and five grandchildren, John and Brian Grant, Rebecca Trent and husband Mike, and Mike and Megan Holmes.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, William “Chuck” Holmes; and one sister, Lois Mudd.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, at Meta Christian Church. Pastor Dale Beasterfeld will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Meta Christian Church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Elmer W. Engelbrecht, age 93, of Henley, died September 21, 2008, at Eldon Nursing and Rehab. He was born in Russellville on July 16, 1915, a son of the late Otto and Christine (Propst) Engelbrecht. On August 14, 1938, in Jefferson City, he was married to Clara Sommerer, who preceded him in death on October 22, 1999.

Elmer was baptized on August 19, 1915. He was currently a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jefferson City. Elmer was a lifelong farmer and was a construction worker. He also enjoyed spending his time hunting, fishing, gardening, swinging on the front porch and watching the Baltimore Orioles.

Those who survive him include: eight children, Arlene Binkley and husband Jerry, Betty Schulte and husband Dennis, Loretta Hogg and husband Delbert and Mary Schilpp and husband James all of Jefferson City and Bernice Morris and husband John, Norma Hart and husband Dan, Harlan Engelbrecht and wife Carla and Glenda Bax and husband Don all of Henley; 38 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren; two step-great grandsons and seven great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, with services immediately following at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jefferson City. Pastor Rick Swanson will officiate. Interment will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Immanuel Lutheran New School Building Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Herb Ash, age 77, of Brumley, died Monday, September 22, 2008, at Lake Ozark Retirement Center. He was born in Brumley on October 23, 1930, son of Otto and Cretia Bertha (Robinett) Ash. On March 25, 1957, in Brumley, he was married to Lucy Lorene Brown, who survives at the home. He attended Rodden Church of Christ near Brumley.

Other survivors include five sons, Ronnie Ash and wife Tammy, J.R. Ash and wife Marsha, Mick Ash, Thomas Ash, and Timmy Ash all of Brumley; two daughters, Susie Guehrer and husband Gerold of Richland, and Dena Bowman and husband Jim of Brumley; one brother, Leman Ash of Iberia; two sisters, Loudean Brown of Brumley, and Offie DeClue of Iberia; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; one sister; and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Brian Duncan officiating. Interment will be in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Herb Ash Memorial Fund.
Lucy Pendleton, age 96, of Florissant formerly of Dixon, died Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at St. Sophia Health and Rehabilitation Center in Florissant. She was born in Miller County on September 16, 1912, daughter of George Washington and Leona (Serl) Jones. On May 26, 1934, in Hermann, she was married to Dora Edward Pendleton, who preceded her in death on July 18, 2006.

She worked for many years as an elementary school teacher in several rural schools. She was a member of the Florissant First Christian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Dale Pendleton and wife Ella and Richard Pendleton and wife Gloria all of Tallahassee, Florida; one daughter, Kathryn Lawson and husband Charles of Florissant; seven grandchildren, Charles Pendleton, Dennis Lawson, Connie Burns, Tina Quinn, Tracy Graefser, Telisa Runyan, and Rick Pendleton; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Effie Hawkins; and one brother, Claude Jones.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Steve Wingfield will officiate. Interment will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Florissant First Christian Church Building Fund.

John Fred Hill Jr., age 53, of Iberia, died Friday, September 26, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born at Kindley Air Force Base in Bermuda, on January 18, 1955, son of John Fred and Alma Lorene (Copeland) Hill. On April 6, 1973, in Tuscumbia, he was married to Debra Ann Cecilia Bax, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran of Vietnam. He worked for over 20 years at Ft. Leonard Wood as a supply and computer analyst and chief of the logistics division.

Other survivors include one son, Arron Hill of Rogers, Arkansas; one daughter, Danielle Hill and fiancé Jeremy See of Iberia; his mother, Alma Hill of Iberia; his father, John F. Hill Sr. of Crocker; two grandchildren, Logan See of Iberia; Kinley See both of Iberia; two sisters, Darlene Pemberton of Iberia, and Kathy Neuman of Dixon; two nephews, Darren Pemberton of Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, and Trevor Plemmons of Iberia.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 3 p.m. with Rev. Jeff Higbie officiating. Interment with military honors will be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1936

Mrs. Reuben Hendricks, well known woman of south Miller County who had been afflicted with dropsy and heart trouble for the past few years, died at the home of her brother Alex Snelling, Monday, at the age of 78 years. She is survived by four sons, Bert, Ora, Perry and Clyde, and a daughter.

Funeral services were held at the Gott Church Tuesday afternoon and burial made in the cemetery at that place under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

The body of Mrs. Hendricks’ husband, who died about six years ago and was buried through a mistake outside of the family lot, was exhumed and placed in a new box and buried along side of Mrs. Hendricks in the same grave. G.W. Adams, senior member of the Adams & Casey undertaking firm, supervised the disinterment and burial of the body.

The Iberia Sentinel, September 1937

Funeral services will be held here at the Pentecostal Church this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2:00 o’clock for Mrs. John G. Rowden, who died at her home in Strang, Oklahoma early Tuesday morning, September 15. The body, brought here by undertaker Mr. Green of Strang, accompanied by her aged husband, son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Lawson, and
their two children, arrived here Wednesday morning and lay in state at the Adams & Casey undertaker parlors until time of funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowden were residents of Miller County prior to their moving to Oklahoma a number of years ago. For several years Mrs. Rowden had been afflicted with cancer, the direct cause of her death. She is survived by her aged husband; one daughter, Mrs. Fred Lawson of Strang, Oklahoma, and one son, Willis Rowden of Iberia. Mrs. Rowden was a sister of the late M.J. Davidson of Iberia.

Interment is to be made in the Brays Cemetery northeast of Iberia.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, October 2008

William V. Alexander, age 95, of Rocky Mount, died Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in Harrisburg, Arkansas on May 16, 1913, a son of the late Lee and Annie (Thompson) Alexander. On March 15, 1933, in Poinsett County, Arkansas, he was married to Susie Alice Presley, who preceded him in death on September 24, 1984.

Those who survive him include: five children, Robert Alexander and wife Desda of St. Louis, Don Alexander and wife Elaine of Rocky Mount, Patsy Bloom and husband Bill of Palmyra, Virginia, Ralph Alexander and wife Phyllis of Columbus, Indiana and William Paul Alexander and wife Gail of Wildwood; 18 grandchildren; one brother, Sam Alexander of Brush Prairie, Washington and one sister, Iris Brock of Hillsborough.

Two children, Betty Anderson and Joe Alexander, two sisters, Nellie and Elsie and one brother, James, also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with services immediately following at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2 at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Pastor Trevor Hayes will officiate. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Foreign Mission Department of Assemblies of God.

William “Bill” McComb, age 63, of Iberia, died Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in Miller County on March 10, 1945, son of Bert and Myrtle (Luttrell) McComb. On May 7, 1973, in Iberia, he was married to Rhonda Jean Moore, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran and a member of Honey Springs Baptist Church near Brumley. Other survivors include two daughters, Tonia Wood and husband Jason of Iberia, and LaDonna Robinett and husband Quincy of Brumley; one son, Marvin McComb of Jefferson City; three brothers, Leonard McComb, Harold McComb, and Chester McComb all of Brumley; five sisters, Helen Cobarrubias of Sedalia, Thelma Ash of Eldon, Gertie Henderson of Ulman, Glotha Durham of Brumley, and Beverly Guerhrer of Vandalia; and six grandchildren, Chelsea, Aimee, Kyle, Tiffany, Quentin, and Cameron. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Charles McComb; and two sisters, Dorthy Durham and Margie McDowell.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Rex Freeman officiating. Interment will be in Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Bill McComb Memorial Fund.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, August 2008

Elizabeth “Liz” Ann Anderson, 51 of Eldon, died Thursday, August 07, 2008, at Capital Region Hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born on September 01, 1956 in Tuscumbia, Missouri to Edmond Schaffer and Elizabeth (Engelmeyer) Wattson. She was married on July 25, 1998 in Lake Ozark, Missouri to James Anderson who survives at the home.
She graduated from Metro Business College in 2005. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri. The family would like to thanks to the N.E.C.A.C. for your services.

She is survived by her husband; James Anderson of the home; her mother Elizabeth Wattson of Clarksville, TN.; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Francis Kloeppele and his wife Tonia of Eldon, Bobby Kloeppele of the home, Four daughters and sons-in-law, Selina Hildenbrand and husband Billy of Rocky Mount, Mary Vedenhaupt and her husband Joseph of Eugene, Candy Floyd of Eldon, and Joyce Brookes of Eldon; Eleven Grandchildren, three great grandchildren, six brothers, and four sister. She is preceded in death by her father, and her first husband Louis Kloeppele.

A celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2008 from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the home of her daughter Selina Hildenbrand located at 671 Hwy Y in Rocky Mount, Missouri. Her body has been cremated and private interment will take place at a later date at the Eldon City Cemetery.

Charles “Walt” Williams, 83 of Eldon, died Sunday, August 10, 2008 at the Harry S. Truman VA Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He was born on May 20, 1925 in Kansas City, Kansas to Jack and Bessie (Munkers) Williams. He was married on February 20, 1948 in Henrietta, Missouri to Jean (Elder) Williams who survives at the home.

Charles lived most of his early life in Lexington, Missouri. He served in the United States Army during World War II in Germany where he was a prisoner of war. He was honorable discharged on June 30, 1946. He retired after 35 years from the International Milling Company in North Kansas City, Missouri in 1987. He moved to Eldon in 1987. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Williams of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Steven Lee and Faith Williams of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; a daughter, Sandra Faye Williams of Lexington, KY; two grandchildren, Kelly Craig and Lisa Rachelle Williams; one great grandchild, Brett Steven Williams; four sisters, Ruth Fairchild of Higginsville, Missouri, Juanita Jett of Mexico, Missouri, Melissa Burton of Independence, Missouri, and Betty Duncan of Lexington, Missouri.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a grandchild, Derrick Williams; two sisters, Alice Williams and Jean Fairchild; two brothers, William and Herbert Williams.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Phillips Funeral Home Eldon. Gravestone Service will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 11:30 am at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett with the Rev. Bob Buster, Officiating. Interment will be at the Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice.

James D. “Jim” Morris, age 49, of Mary’s Home, Missouri died Friday, August 29, 2008 at St. Mary’s Health Center. Jim was born on June 17, 1959 in Columbia, Missouri the son of Jim and Rose (Smith) Baker who survive in Mary’s Home. He was married on January 27, 1979 in Mary’s Home to Carla Sue (Adrian) Morris, who survives at the home.

Jim was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Parish and served as Athletic Director of Our Lady of The Snows School. He was a member of Painters’ Union Local 1187 since 1978. He coached little league softball and baseball and PALS basketball and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Jim loved spending time with his family and friends and will be deeply missed by them.

Other survivors include four sons, Jamie Morris and wife Kristan of Jefferson City, Mo, Jeremy Morris and wife Beth of Jefferson City, Mo, Lucas Morris of Mary’s Home and significant other Brittany Cowgill of Columbia, Mo, and Brett Morris of the home; two daughters, Jenny Morris and Maggie Morris, both of the home; one granddaughter, Macy Morris.
of Jefferson City, Mo; two brothers, John Morris and wife Pat of Harrisonville, Mo and Joe Baker and wife Juanita of St. Martins, Mo; two stepsisters, Betty Herron and husband Bill of Ashland, Mo and Bonnie Ahlstedt and husband Bob of Monroe, Wa.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 01, 2008 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Mary’s Home. A Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, September 02, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home with the Rev. Patrick J. Shortt officiating. Interment will be in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery in Mary’s Home. Memorials are suggested to the Morris Children’s Education Fund, the Our Lady of the Snows Parish Center, or the American Cancer Society.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, October 2008

Roberta Ilene Wiley passed away early Wednesday October 1, 2008 at her home in Osage Beach, Missouri. She was 60 years old. On May 23, 1948 she was born in Oakland, California to the late Charles Thomas and Eada(Hirshkorn)Collett. She was formally married to Harold Wiley, Sr.

Roberta was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Eldon Branch serving many callings at the church, also a member of the Illinois Nurses Association. She worked for many years as a Registered Nurse at the Illinois Veteran's Home.

She is survived by two sons: Thomas Lee Wiley and J.R. Wiley and wife Shana; 3 daughters and sons-in-law: Ame L. Pristavec and spouse Mike Vogel, Dawn and Ryan Watford; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and a daughter-in-law, Pam Wiley.

Visitation will be October 8, 2008 from 4-5 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Eldon, with a memorial service to follow. Her body has been cremated and private interment will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested In Care of the Family.

The Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, September 25, 2008

Garland R. Simpson, 94, of Ridgeway died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008, at Harrison County Community Hospital in Bethany. He was bor Aug 24, 1914, in Ridgeway to John and Eldora Lilly Simpson. On Feb 26, 1936, he was marriedin Gilman City to Helen Edwards who preceded him in death. Mr. Simpson was a member of the Kirkley Chapel Church and was a farmer.

Surviving are a son and wife, Gary and Elizabeth Simpson of Ridgeway; a daughter and husband, Kathy and Danny Carter of Giman City; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Polley-Slaughter-Polley Memorial Chapel in Ridgeway. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Jimmie R. Burton, 73, of Iberia died Thursday, September 18, 2008, at University Hospital in Columbia. He was born April 29, 1933, in Draper, Ky., to William and Eva Julia Hamby Burton. On April 3, 1955, he was married in Independence to Wanda Sue Douglas, who survives at the home.

Mr. Burton was an Army veteran of Korea and Vietnam, serving as an artillery surveying engineer. He was a surveyor for Menefee Construction Company for many years and was an engineering teacher at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He was a lifetime member and past commander of Crocker VFW Post 4956.

Also surviving are four children and their spouses, James and Theresa Burton of Iberia, Belinda Voiles of St. Elizabeth, Sue and Darrell Wall of Iberia and David and Becky Burton of Sedalia; seven brothers and sisters, Clyde Burton of Florida, Harold Burton, Virginia Bryant,
Sygle Burton and David Burton, all of Indiana, Maxine Kelly of Kentucky and Norma Blevens of Tennessee; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Greb McClain officiating. Burial and full military honors were in Curry Cemetery.

Jean Milam, 90, of Overland Park, Kan., died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2008, at the Overland Park Place in Overland Park. She was born Nov. 25, 1917, in Elston to Opal Thompson Lowery. Her husband, Harry F. Milam, died Feb. 4, 2006.

Surviving are three children and their spouses, Sharon and J.B. Bowrs of Scottsdale, Ariz., G. Greg and March Milam of Arlington, Texas, and Pam and Jim Anderson of Castle Rock, Colo.; two brothers, Bill Lowery of Iberia and Bob Thompson of Smithville; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, Kan. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Sunset Hills Christian Church, 6347 Leavenworth Rd., Kansas City, KS 66104 or to a church of the donor’s choice.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, July 2008

Marie Cox, 92, of Eldon, Missouri, died Thursday, July 03, 2008 at Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles, Missouri. She was born on July 01, 1916 in the State of Texas to the late C.W. and Viola (Little) Miller. She was married on December 15, 1975 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Lester C. Cox who passed away on September 25, 2001.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carlene and Paul Plank of Eldon, Missouri; Three granddaughters and their spouses, Debbie Saling and husband Marty of Garland, Texas, Tammy Draffen and husband Bill of Tipton, Missouri, and Susan Nixon and husband Paul Allen of Mexico, Missouri; Eight Great Grandchildren and Three Great Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and seven brothers.

Visitation will be on Monday, July 07, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home Eldon. Funeral Service will be on Monday, July 07, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home Eldon with the Rev. Bob Buster officiating. Interment will be in the Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the Eldon Senior Center- Meals on Wheels

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008

Emma Ruth Humphrey, 84, of Kansas City died Friday, Sept. 26, 2008 at Kingswood Senior Living Center in Kansas City, MO. She was born June 28, 1924, in Iberia to Clate and Sadie (Kinder) Condra. She attended Iberia Junior Academy and was a graduate of Drury University in Springfield.

She taught in the Springfield school district for more than 30 years and was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Kappa Iota professional sororities. She also enjoyed traveling, sewing and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include her two children: Larry Humphrey (and wife Cheryl) from Westfield, Mass.; and Linda Hussey (and husband Bill) from Overland Park, Kan.; and grandchildren Meridith Salois (and husband Brian) from Easthampton, Mass.; Melinda Humphrey of Chittenden, Vt.; Michael Humphrey of Los Angeles, Calif.; Drew Hussey of Lawrence, Kan.; Lauren Hussey of Overland Park, Kan.; and great-granddaughter Sadie Salois. She is also survived by two sisters: Imogene Bilyeu (and husband Gene) and Luella Bielicke of St. Louis, and two brothers: Garrett Condra of Miami, Fla.; and Roger Condra of Orlando, Fla. Other survivors include four sisters-in-law.
She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Maurice Henry Humphrey, and a brother Kenneth Condra.
Graveside services were held Tuesday, Sept. 30, in Iberia with burial in the Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Iberia United Methodist Church.

**Donna JoAnn Karr-Pasierb**, 63, of Fishers, Ind. (formerly of Iberia) died Tuesday, Sept 2, 2008, at her home in Fishers, Ind. She was born Jan 5, 1945, in Iberia, to James W. Karr and Priscilla Idolia Smith. She was married in 1977, to Ron Pasierb, and the couple settled in Fishers with their Children.

She had an avid interest in arts and crafts and was very talented in oil painting and quilting, as well as other intricate craftwork. She also spent many hours researching the genealogical roots of her ancestors.

She is survived by her husband, Ron, son Larry Felger and wife Mary Pat, daughter Tammy Kellshaw and husband Dennis, nephew Wesley Erlichman, five grandchildren: Brandon, Larisa, Kassidy, Kasandra and Levi; and a great-granddaughter, Kiana. She is also survived by sisters Doris Davis Newton of Mississippi, Sarah Karr Dixon of Texas, Nancy Karr Lopez of Texas, Elizabeth Karr Keenan of Texas and brothers William (Bill) Karr of Missouri, James T. Karr, Robert Karr, Randy Woodcox and Michael Woodcox.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Karr and her mother Idolia Smith Karr-Cameron, brother David Smith Simmons and sister Janet Karr Wallace. Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 6, at Randall and Roberts Funeral Home in Fishers, Ind., with burial in the St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Westville, Ill.


She was a 1954 graduate of Iberia High School and was graduated from Lincoln University with a degree in accounting. April 30, 1977, in Audrain County, she was married to Jack D. Kaufman, who preceded her in death April 29, 1996.

She worked for the Missouri Department of Revenue as a tax auditor for several years and co-owned Mid-Mo Well Drilling. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by one daughter, Karen E. Green and her husband, Joe, of Centertown; one sister, Sonya Carmack of Iberia, and three grandchildren: Aaron Green, Jacob Green and Audra Green.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Bobby Avery Shelton, and two sisters, Capitola Shelton and Bonnie Holt.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home where funeral services will follow at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. Monte Shinkle officiating. Entombment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery Mausoleum. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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**MRS. ELISHA BOND SUCCUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS**

This community was saddened when the news reached here Sunday morning that Mrs. Elisha Bond, formerly of this place, had just passed away at the city hospital in St. Louis, where she had been a patient for more than fourteen months. The cause of her death was tuberculosis of the spine. Everything that loving hands and skilled physicians could do was done to effect a cure, but of no avail. The body was brought back to Iberia for funeral service and burial.

The Bond family resided in Iberia for many years prior to moving to St. Louis about eleven years ago. During their time of residence here Mr. and Mrs. Bond conducted a restaurant.
for awhile and later Mr. Bond engaged in the hardware business with Mr. Sherman Marchant as his partner.

Obituary

**Bessie Irwin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Irwin of Iberia, was born near Iberia on August 27, 1898. She entered into rest at the City Hospital in St. Louis, at 12:50 a.m., December 22, 1940 at the age of 42 years, 3 months and 26 days. She was married to Elisha Bond in the year 1916 and to them were born two daughters, Lera and Rosemond. They made their home in Iberia for about 12 years, when in the year 1929 they moved to St. Louis where they have lived for the past 11 years.

She is survived by her husband, the two daughters, Mrs. Lera Roberts and Rosemond, both of St. Louis, one grandson, Irwin Bond Roberts, father and mother, two brothers, Ralph and Curtis, 5 uncles and 3 aunts and many other relatives and hosts of friends in Iberia and St. Louis. One sister, Mrs. Buelah Skaggs, preceded her in death a number of years ago.

The last 14 months she had been a patient in the hospital bearing her suffering with a spirit of courage and cheerfulness. She had been a member of the Iberia Methodist Church for many years. Beautiful and impressive funeral services, conducted by Dr. O Bryon Smith, of the Junior College, were held Monday afternoon, at 2 o’clock, from the Adams & Casey funeral chapel, and interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, October 2008

**Floyd Elmer Love**, 84 of Mary’s Home, died Saturday, October 04, 2008 at Miller County Nursing Home in Tuscumbia, Missouri. He was born on October 05, 1923 in Holts Summit, Missouri the son of George E. and Millie Mae (Powell) Love. He was married on October 06, 1956 in Clinton, Missouri to Rose Bernadine (Doerhoff) Love, who survives at the home.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home, Missouri. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II. He was a pipefitter with Pipefitter’s Union # 562 in St. Louis, Missouri retiring in 1985. He enjoyed farming and going to auctions. He was a hard worker, and an avid hunter, fisherman, and trapper.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Love of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and William J. “Bill” Braun of Mary’s Home; two granddaughters, Sharon Rose and Catherine Marie Braun; two brothers and sisters-in-law; Melvin “Pete” and wife Agnes Love of Henley, Missouri, and Billy Joe and wife Martha Love of Holts Summit, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jimmy Love and Glen Love; two sisters, Edith Faye Love and Virginia Bungart.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, October 07, 2008 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at Our Lady the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home. A Rosary will be prayed at 4:00 PM along with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, October 08, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary’s Home with the Rev. Patrick J. Shortt, Officiating. Interment will be in the Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery in Mary’s Home, Missouri. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of Mary’s Home Bank, Our Lady of the Snows Parish Center, or to the donor’s choice.

**David Lyle Apperson, Sr.** passed away Monday evening October 6, 2008 at his home in Eldon, Missouri. He was 73 years old. He was born on August 24, 1935 in Kansas City, Kansas to the late Burton Jasper and Margaret Lois (Thompson) Apperson.

David served in the United States Army. He was a lifetime member of the AMVETS Post 108 of Rocky Mount, Missouri and a lifetime member of the Eldon VFW Post #2442. He enjoyed mechanic work and working on old cars. He was a retired supervisor for the Miller County Road District.
He is survived by two daughters, Lovetta Lodge and Lovena Shreve; one son, David Apperson, Jr.; eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; six sisters, Sue Wyrick, Ruth Workman, Lynda Kay Haggerman, Carol Meisel, Rose Flora and Pat Ross; and on brother, Charles Edward Kratzer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Burton Jasper and Margaret Lois Thompson Apperson, a brother, Jerry Apperson, a sister, Helen Louise Myers and a nephew, Jeff Kratzer.

Visitation will be Friday, October 10, 2008 2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 4:00 p.m. at Dooley Cemetery with full military honors by the Eldon VFW Post #2442.

Mrs. Clara D. Perrin, age 99 years, of Lake Ozark, Missouri, died Monday October 6, 2008 at Lake Ozark Retirement Center. She was born July 10, 1909 in Bentonville, Missouri, near Wheatland, Missouri, the daughter of Ed and Rebecca (Young) Cox.

She was married on September 24, 1927, at Avery, Missouri, to John Hiram Foster, who preceded her in death in 1936. She was later married in 1947, at Lake Ozark, Missouri, to Cloyd C. Perrin, who preceded her in death in 1998.

She moved with her first husband to the Lake area in 1936 working in the pottery and gift shop business. Later she and Cloyd built the Rockwood Court Motel in Lake Ozark, Missouri which they operated for 22 years until retiring in 1973.

She was a founding member of the Lake Ozark First Christian Church in Lake Ozark, the Redwood Garden Club, and was a gift shop volunteer for several years at the Lake of the Ozarks Regional Hospital.

Survivors include: Daughter Mavis Ryan of Lake Ozark, Missouri, seven grandchildren, many great and great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one son, John Paul Foster, and eight brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be Friday, October 10 from 10-10:30 a.m. at Lake Ozark Christian Church, with funeral service to follow at 10:30. Interment will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens.

Velma Ann Howser, 57, passed away early Sunday morning at her parents’ home in Vienna, Missouri. She was born in Valley Park, Missouri on May 1, 1951 to Jesse Joseph and Georgia May (Quick) Howard who survive. On October 10, 1991 she was married in Rolla, Missouri to Bill L. Howser who also survives of the home.

Other survivors include: daughters Timberly Curtis of Vienna, Missouri, Jesse May Anderson of Eldon, Missouri, LeAnn Manes of New Bloomfield, Missouri; son Corey Pratt of Denver, Colorado; Brother Dennis Howard of Fenton, Missouri; five granddaughters. She was a member of the Vienna Assembly of God Church in Vienna, Missouri.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 8 from 4-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Thursday, October 9, at 2:00 p.m. with interment at Union Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the Vienna Assembly of God Church in Vienna, MO.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, October 2008

Edith Fern (Musick) Berry, age 96, of Eldon, died Wednesday, October 8, 2008. She was born in Miller County on July 1, 1912, a daughter of the late Frank and Minta (Eppright) Musick. On June 8, 1933, in Versailles, she was married to Verbal Earl Berry, who preceded her in death on June 13, 1980.

Those who survive her include: four children, Billy Gene Berry of Eldon, Lela Mae Bolien of Parhump, Nevada, Ruby Ilene Rush and husband Bill of Kansas City, Kansas and Earl Ray Berry and wife Ann of Pierce City; twelve grandchildren and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.
One son, Loyd Lee Berry and three sisters, Lilli, Ruby and Edna Musick, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, with services immediately following at 2:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Rev. Jay Quinn will officiate. Interment will be in Jarrett Cemetery near Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Eldon Senior Center.

**Junior Brumley**, age 81, of Eldon, died Thursday, October 9, 2008, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born on October 5, 1927, in Brumley, son of Andrew and Frances (Duncan) Brumley. On September 6, 1968, in Eldon, he was married to Rose Spurgeon, who preceded him in death in 1993. On July 22, 1994, in Eldon, he was married to Emma Jean Duncan, who survives at the home. He was a member of the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon.

Other survivors include seven children, Gary Brumley, Donna Albertson, Pamela Brumley, Danny Brumley, Dewayne Basham, Ronnie Vernon, and Robin White; twelve grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren; one brother, Jimmy Joe Brumley; and one sister, Zola Hock. He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and three sisters.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Hospice of Jefferson City.

**Dwight W. “Barney” Barnett**, age 60, of Brumley, died Sunday, October 12, at his home. He was born on January 1, 1948, in Iberia, son of Wayne and Jean (Grosvenor) Barnett. His parents survive in Iberia. On February 10, 1967, in Crocker, he was married to Karen Kay Luttrell, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran of Vietnam. He worked for the past 13 years at Meeks Lumber in Osage Beach. He had previously owned and operated Barnett Construction for many years. He was a member of the Iberia First Christian Church.

Other survivors include two daughters, Angie Luttrell and husband Harold of Brumley and Sarah Bashore and husband Brad of Jefferson City; one son, David Barnett and wife Debbie of Dixon; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Stan Way will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of the Iberia VFW Post 6167 and American Legion Post 105 will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Dwight Barnett Memorial Fund.

**Alice Jean Wooldridge**, age 78, of Chilhowee, died Monday, October 13, 2008, at her home. She was born on August 20, 1930, in Iberia, daughter of Milton and Opal (Duncan) Luttrell. On February 24, 1962, in Miami Oklahoma, she was married to Clinton Prather Wooldridge, who survives at the home.

She was a member of the Chilhowee Baptist Church and a past member of Anchor Point Baptist Church for thirty-five years.

Other survivors include one son, Mike Osborn and wife Jolene of Blue Springs; two daughters, Kathy Hill and husband Mike of Chilhowee and Michelle Wooldridge-Higgins and husband Jesse of Chilhowee; two stepdaughters, Brenda Willcockson of Chilhowee and Barbara Mullen and husband Terry of Clinton; twelve grandchildren, Kerri Atwood, Kelli Lewis, Brandon Hill, Nicholas Hill, Britannie Hill, Cody Wooldridge, Travis Warlen, Lisa Dale, Lori Packham,
Jennifer Heyer, Joshua Willcockson, and Justin Willcockson; twelve great-grandchildren; six sisters, Dorlas Gilliam, Lois Pemberton, Rosemary Douglas, Shirley Smith, Patsy Rodden, and Karen Barnett; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Milton and Opal Luttrell; an infant sister, Joyce Luttrell; and a sister, Bonnie Smith.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Ronnie Hicks will officiate. Interment will be in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Johnson County Cancer Society or Cross Roads Hospice.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, October 2008

Donald W. Folkestad, 53 of Eldon, Missouri, died Saturday, October 11, 2008 at his residence in Eldon, Missouri. He was born on December 31, 1954 in Ottumwa, Iowa the son of Wm. R. and Kathyrn (Cooper) Folkestad who survive in Eldon, Missouri. He was married on July 13, 1974 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Cindy (Livingston) Folkestad, who survives at the home.

He was a member of the Ottumwa Baptist Temple in Ottumwa, Iowa where he took God into his heart as a teenager. He graduated in 1974 from Ottumwa High School in Ottumwa, Iowa. He also attended Indian Hills Baking School in Ottumwa, Iowa. He worked at the North Hy-Vee in Ottumwa, Iowa for 17 years. He moved to Missouri in 1991. He was the co-owner of Randy’s Frozen Custard in Osage Beach, Missouri. He retired in 1994 due to health reasons. He was very devoted to his family and his granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Folkestad of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Daniel Folkestad and his wife Wendi of Camdenton, Missouri; granddaughters, Brooke Dawn and Britnie Daniele Folkestad; his parents, Wm. R. and Kathyrn Folkestad of Eldon, Missouri; brother and sister-in-law, Robert K. Folkestad and his wife Heidi of Carlisle, Iowa; nephew, Robert Keith Folkestad II and his wife Cristina of Des Moines, Iowa; great nephew, Preston Gene Folkestad of Des Moines, Iowa; mother-in-law and step father-in-law; Arvillia and James Reid of Ottumwa, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Jim Livingston and his sister-in-law Pam Livingston Day.

Visitation will be on Monday, October 13, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri with Pastor Clyde Leonard, Officiating. Interment will be in the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to Community Hospice of America Inc. 2418 Hyde Park Road. Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, October 16, 2008

Lola J. Engelbrecht, 77, of Jefferson City died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at University Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. She was born Sept. 12, 1931, in Meta to Dugan and Beulah L. Golden Williams. She was married Sept. 17, 1949, in Hickory Hill to Marvin G. Engelbrecht, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Engelbrecht was a lifelong resident of Central Missouri. She was a 1949 graduate of Eugene High School. Mrs. Engelbrecht was employed as a manager at S&H Greenstamps for 26 years. Later she worked in the mailroom at the Capitol for the House of Representatives, retiring in 2003

Also surviving her are two sons and their wives, Marvin Glenn and Brenda Sue Engelbrecht of Treasure Island, Fla., and Michael and Brenda Lynn Engelbrecht of Russellville; a daughter and her husband, Cindy and Lee Thomeczek of Linn; two brothers, Glen Williams and Wayune Williams; a sister, Evelyn Case; seven grandchildren, Melissa Snellen and husband Brian, Kor York, Amanda Christian and husband Chris, Erin Gieck, Clayton Engelbrecht, Chelle Jeffery and Annabeth Thomeczek; and four great-grandchildren, Albana Beza, Caydin Engelbrecht, Donavan Bell and Emily Thames.
Funeral services were held at noon Monday at Freeman Chapel in Jefferson City with the Rev. Ryan Haider officiating. Burial will be in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association or the Humane Society.

Norma Yvonne Alexander, 72, of Henley died Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City, after being in failing health for some time. She was born March 26, 1936, at Brawley, California, to Horace Elmer and Eather Alma Earls Riggs. She was married Aug 14, 1989, in Jefferson City to Bobby Myrl Alexander, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Alexander was a member of Shepherds Chapel Church in Gravette, Ark., but attended services closer to home when her health permitted. She was a special education teacher, retiring from the Eugene School System in 1992 due to her health.

Also surviving her are: a son, Michael Robert Alexander of California; four daughters and their spouses, Rhonda Burns of Gulf Breeze, Fla., Rita Arnold of West Plains, Rayma and Dave Leach of St. Peters, Fla., and Karen (Alexander) and Rob Scherer of Jefferson City; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Shawna and Bradley Sanders of West Plains, Adam Brotherton of Dubuque, Iowa, Christopher and Amanda Brotherton of West Plains, Jonothon and Legha Lashley of Caulfield, Melissa and Brian Hadley of Caulfield, Martin Burns of Gulf Breeze, Fla., Tom Sanders of Phoenix, Ariz., Gina Sanders of Jefferson City, and Mia Leach of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and 10 great-grandchildren, Isaac Sanders, Jake Lashley, Gracie Lashley, Hunter Lashley, Case Lashley, Brand Sanders, Clayton Brotherton, Natalie Hadley, Abigail Hadley and Audrey Brotherton.

Preceding her in death were her parents, an infant son, twin to Renee, in 1959, and a daughter and her husband, Renee and Jim Lashley in Feb 12, 2004, due to an auto accident.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Dixon Chapel of Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes with Pastor David ARinder of Woodcrest Chapel in Jefferson City officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery near Dixon. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, November 2006

Ruby Laverne Hollandsworth, 74, of Linn Creek died Tuesday morning, Nov. 14, 2006, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born April 6, 1932, in Roach to Argus and Otie Evans Rogers. On Dec 23, 1950, she was married in Harrison, Ark., to Robert Hollandsworth, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Hollandsworth was a member of the Linn Creek Baptist Church. She worked as a restaurant cook most of her life.

Also surviving her are seven children and their spouses, Dale W. and Karen Hollandsworth of Richland, Kathy and Paul Henson and Stephen and Debbie Hollandsworth, all of Linn Creek, Marsha and Steven Hanks and Debbie and Andy Richter, all of Eldon, Gayla Spautz of Grapevine, Texas, and Alice and Richard Jones of Camdenton; a sister, Amy Marie Hollandsworth of Montreal, Mo.; 18 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Hedges Funeral Home in Camdenton. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Art Gormley officiating. Burial will be in Freedom Cemetery at Linn Creek.

Allee-Holman_howe Funeral Home web site, October 2008

Bobbie Dale Klug, son of Bobby Lee and Hazel Pauline Martin Klug, was born, November 6, 1951 in Tuscumbia, Missouri. He died, Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Missouri at the age of fifty-six year.

On January 15, 1983 in St. Peters, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Catherine Ann Beastrom. Together they shared the past twenty-five years.
He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, John Paul Klug; maternal grandparents, Paul J. and Hazel Martin and paternal grandparents, John and Eva Klug.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy Klug of the home; three children, Amy Klug of Kansas City, Missouri, April Klug of the home and Bobby Klug and wife Angi of Montreal, Missouri; a grandson, Robert Joseph Klug; his mother, Pauline Klug of Laurie, Missouri as well as other relatives and many friends.

Bobbie was raised in Miller County and lived in the lake area his whole life. He owned and operated Klug’s Welding for many years. He enjoyed rendezvousing as a member of the Missouri Ozark Muzzleloaders Association. He loved nature and the outdoors, especially hunting, camping and canoeing. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed riding his bike with his many friends.

Bobbie was a loving husband, father, grandfather and son and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and many accomplishments and will treasure the memories he created for his family and friends.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation was under the direction of Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Camdenton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Missouri Ozark Muzzleloaders Association or the American Cancer Society and left at the funeral home.

Unknown Publication, June 1934

Flavious Alvin Curry, a well-known and respected citizen of the Capps community, died at his home in the village of Capps on Sunday, June 24th at 12:30 p.m. He had been in very poor health for several years, afflicted with kidney, bladder and other complications.

In the afternoon on Thursday preceding his death Sunday, he fell off the porch three feet high and received some injuries. Of course his friends picked him up and carried him in and put him to bed. It was thought by his friends that he had a stroke that caused the fall from the porch. However, he rapidly grew worse until death closed the seam and ended his suffering. His wife was at the bedside as much as possible, doing all she could, other relatives assisting, doing what they could to relieve his suffering. The writer was informed by his wife that she be near and hold his hand in hers when he came to die. She said the request was carried out.

F.A. Curry was the son of Michael and Mary Curry; was born in Mahaska County, Iowa, December 23rd 1855. His parents moved to Miller County when he was a small boy. In this county he lived all his life except about 20 years he spent in the west, returning from the west he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Piles, April 23, 1907. Rev. F.M. Stickney of Eldon performed the ceremony.

He located at Capps, went into the mercantile business. This business he followed until a few months ago when he sold out his business to Lewis Jarrett. The weight of years and failing health was the cause of his retiring. About 20 years ago he was converted and united with the Humphreys Creek Christian Church. He was an efficient and loyal member and an ardent supporter of the church. He was a member of the Order of the Knights of Pythius, Seattle, Wash. During his business years in Capps gave him the opportunity of meeting and coming in contact with all the people of the community, which gave him a large circle of friends. He was a good citizen, honest, truthful, generous hearted, good and kind to everybody; a Christian gentleman who will be missed in the home, community and Church. (lengthy testimony omitted here).

Funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Zion Church in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends. Services opened with a song. After reading a number of scripture verses for opening sentences, the opening prayer was offered by Bro. Joseph Barnhart. The text was chosen from Job 19th chapter, 25th and 27 verses. A brief address was delivered. Pall bearers were Oliver Ramsey, James Barton, C.E. Abbott, Clyde Roark, Lewis Jarrett, Fielding Hamilton.
By request will mention favorite song—“Jesus Lover of My Soul”, “Nearer My God to Thee”, “Savior More Than Life to Me”, “There Will Be No Disappointments in Heaven”, and “When the Evening Shadows Gather”. Burial was in charge of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia. The remains were laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery —C.M. Sooter

Unknown Publication, June 1943

Mrs. Mary Ann Curry, an aunt of Oscar and C.E. Abbott of near Tuscumbia, passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Barton in Granite City, Ill., Saturday, June 19, at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 11 days. Mrs. Curry had been in ill health for some time. She had spent some time in the Oscar Abbott home this past winter and returned to the Barton home in Granite City two weeks before her death.

She was born Mary Ann Piles, daughter of Carrol and Emily Piles, March 8 1864, at Mack’s Creek, in Camden County. When still quite young she moved with her parents to Miller County, the family settling across the river from St. Elizabeth on what became known as the Piles farm. She grew to womanhood there.

She was united in marriage to Flavy Curry on April 24, 1907, and they spent most of their married life at Capps, where Mr. Curry was in the mercantile business. Mr. Curry preceded her in death on July 7, 1934, and Mrs. Curry continued to make her home at Capps until recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry had no children of their own, but took Mrs. James Barton, formerly Ahart, into their home when she was four years old and reared her as their own child.

She was very hard of hearing in her last years, but enjoyed company very much and loved to visit with her loved ones and friends.

She leaves one sister, Mrs. Firba Abbott, of Latham; three brothers, Jay Piles, Lincoln, Nebraska, Willis Piles, Jefferson City, and Port P. Piles of Plainview, Ill., as well as a host of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Mrs. Curry’s remains were brought back to Tuscumbia Tuesday morning, June 22 by the Parker Funeral Directors and funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Zion Church at 2 p.m. by Rev. C.W. Sooter. Song numbers were furnished by Mrs. R. W. Stillwell, Mrs. L.E. Kallenbach, Mrs. F.L. Thompson, Mrs. Marian Pickens and T.C. Wright of Tuscumbia. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, October 2008

Hazel M. Hutchison, age 82, of Willard, formerly of Iberia, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2008, at her daughter’s home. She was born on September 3, 1926, near Zebra, daughter of Robert K. and Daisy Ethel (Jeffries) Murray. On February 12, 1943, she married Bert D. Clark, who preceded her in death. On July 25, 1965, in Las Vegas, Nevada, she married William J. Hutchison, who also preceded her in death.

She worked for 24 years at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, retiring on January 22, 1987

Survivors include three children, Garry J. Clark of Dripping Springs, Texas, Connie K. Gould of Willard, and John Robert Clark of Hartwell, Georgia; two stepsons, Steve Hutchinson of Eldon and William Hutchison of Grandview; nine grandchildren, Kim Debayo-Doherty of Vienna, Virginia, Melissa Gould of Houston, Texas, Anthony Clark and Alana Clark both of Elberton, Georgia, Russell Clark and David Clark both of Hartwell, Georgia, Garry Mitchell and Laura Mitchell both of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Kevin Mitchell who is stationed in Korea in the U.S. Army; 15 great-grandchildren; four nephews; and three nieces.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two infant children, Donna and Billy; and two brothers, Robert and Marvin Murray.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Iberia Cemetery. Rev. Glen Golden will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.
**Madonna Elaine Rowden McDowell**, age 63, of Iberia, died Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born on November 30, 1944, in Illinois, daughter of Mike and Betty J. (Lamb) Davis. On May 21, 1965, in Danville, Illinois, she was married to George Elmer Rowden Sr., who preceded her in death on July 15, 1998. She was married at St. Genevieve in 2000 to Clarence “Kraut” McDowell, who preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Concord Christian Church and was a past volunteer at Iberia Head Start.

Survivors include one daughter, DeAnna Thrasher and husband Paul of Cairo; one son, George Rowden Jr. and wife Anna of Iberia; her mother, Betty J. Davis of Oakwood, Illinois; seven grandchildren, Candy Bys, Mikey Beasley Jr., Michaela Beasley, Michelle Beasley, Timothy Beasley, Cristian Rowden, and Chase Rowden; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Davis and Mike Davis both of Illinois; and two sisters, Elva White and Maxine Bert both of Illinois. She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008, at 1 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Lee Todd will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Madonna McDowell Memorial Fund.

**Anna Elizabeth Ahart** passed away Thursday afternoon October 16, 2008 at St. Mary's Health Care Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was 88 years old. On August 8, 1920; she was born in Brumley, Missouri August 8, 1920, to the late Levi and Julia(Robinett) Albertson. She is survived by one daughter, Linda Salem and sons Leroy and Ronnie Ahart; eleven grandchildren and eleven great grand-dchildren and one sister, Lura Smith.

She was a member of the Eastside Assembly of God Church of Eldon, Missouri. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by one daughter Brenda Ash, and eight siblings.

Visitation will be Saturday October 18, 2008, 5:00 PM - 7:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the Funeral Service at the church from 12:30PM - 2:00PM. Funeral services will be Sunday October 19, 2008, 2:00 PM at Eastside Assembly of God Church with burial to follow in the Robinett Cemetery.

**Donald Brantmeier** age 82 passed away Saturday October 18, 2008 at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles, Missouri. On December 12, 1925 he was born in Navarino, Wisconsin to the late Thomas & Agnes (Geiger) Brantmeier. On September 27, 1947 he was married in Glenmore, Wisconsin to Genevieve (Nelsen) Brantmeier who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: A daughter, Linda Shores of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a granddaughter Michelle Brantmeier of Green Bay, Wisconsin; two sisters in law, Vida Jorgensen of Denmark, Wisconsin; and Margaret Brantmeier of Greenleaf, Wisconsin; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special friend, W. Ron Ellis of Barnett, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas & Agnes (Geiger) Brantmeier, his son Alan Brantmeier, three brothers, Leo, Sylvester, & Francis Brantmeier, and one sister, Victoria Jensen.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, Missouri, and the Osage River Antique Power Association. A memorial mass is scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2008, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. His body has been cremated and private interment will be at a later date at the All Saints Cemetery in Denmark, Wisconsin.

**Paul T. Dane** age 82 passed away Tuesday evening October 21, 2008 at the University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He was born in Russellville on June 16, 1926, to Thomas E. & Dessie M. (Houston) Dane. On December 19, 1949, he was married in Eldon, Missouri to Etta L.
(Hagerman) Dane who survives of the home. He was a maintenance worker for Miller County.

Other survivors include: Daughter & Son in law: Patricia (Dane) Gray & Husband of Independence, Missouri; Son: David A. Dane of Eldon, Missouri; Twelve Grandchildren & Seven Great Grandchildren, & Several Niece & Nephews; Sister: Ethel Schmalz of Basehor, Kansas Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by one brother, and three sisters.

He retired from the Merchant Marines & the United States Army. He was a veteran of World War II and the Koren War Conflict, retiring as a Master Sargeant.

Visitation will be Friday, October 24 from 1-2 p.m. with funeral services to follow. Interment will be in Enloe Cemetery near Russellville.

Gary L. Bopp 69, passed away Tuesday morning October 21, 2008 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was born on May 13, 1939 in Henry County, Missouri to the late Milton S. and Charlotte (Bloss) Bopp. On June 15, 1974 he was married in Jefferson City, Missouri to Lorene Faye (Winters) Bopp who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: Son & Daughter in law Jeff & Kim Bopp of Eldon, Missouri; Daughter & Son in law Kathy & Brian Hibdon of Lake Ozark, Missouri; four grandchildren Cody Robinett, Chastity Bopp, Dalton Bopp, Kyle Bopp; one sister Doris Syman of Reston, Virginia; a brother Norvall Bopp of Jefferson City, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a past member of the Lion's Club of Brazito, Missouri.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 25 from 12-2 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home with funeral services to follow. His body will be cremated and private interment will be held at a later date at the Eugene Cemetery in Eugene, Missouri.

Jackie Joe Johnson, 61, son of Jack Roman and Georgia (Richardson) Johnson was born on March 6, 1947 in California, Missouri and died October 25, 2008 at in Eldon, Missouri.

Survivors include: his mother Georgia “Jo” Johnson of Barnett, Missouri; best friend Bob McDonald of Barnett, Missouri; brother Wilbur Johnson of Eldon, Missouri; uncle Norman Richardson of Eldon, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be Monday, October 27 from 5-7 pm. at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral service will be Tuesday, October 28 at 2 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home with interment in New Hope Cemetery.

Phoebe Jane Williams 83 of Eldon, Missouri passed away Tuesday evening October 28, 2008 at the Miller County Care Center in Tusculumbia, Missouri. On December 15, 1924 she was born in Cyrene, Missouri to the late Thomas Newton and Myrtle Alta (Jensen) Bibb. On June 17, 1951 she was married in Cyrene, Missouri to Donald Williams who preceded her in death on March 16, 2005.

Surviving her are: a daughter Donna Schubert of Tusculumbia, Missouri; a son & daughter in law Steve & Susan Williams of Olean, Missouri; six grandchildren, Kelly Schubert Bish, Matthew Schubert, Daniel Schubert, Laura Williams, Martha Williams; great grandchildren Caden Bish, Macy Bish, Violyt Schubert. Also preceding her in death were a son Richard, one brother, and a son in law Tom Schubert.

Phoebe was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri, Beta Sigma Phi, a longtime member of the Miller County Republican Party, a member of the Eldon Country Club, and belonged to the Eagles Club for twenty-five years. She was involved in multiple health organizations. She was a Miller County Health Nurse for several years, and retired from the Eldon School District as school nurse. She also worked at Eldon Healthcare and Rehab. She graduated as a registered nurse at St. Luke's School of Nursing in St. Louis, Missouri, and did one year training in Chapel Hill, North Carolina in Public Health. She was a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother.
Her body has been donated to science as an anatomical gift and a memorial service will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Donald & Phoebe Williams Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, October 23, 2008

William “Bill” Lupardus Jr., 64, of Waynesville died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, at the Life Care Center of Waynesville. He was born May 13, 1943, in Miller County to the late William H. Sr. and Genevieve Opal Simpson Lupardus. In 1967, he was married to Maxine Bullock.

He attended school in Miller County until his family moved to the Kansas City, Kan., area. He was graduated from Rosedale High School. He worked as an over-the-road truck driver and also worked for Goodyear Tire.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Michels; a brother, Steve Lupardus of Crocker; and three grandchildren, Michael Coto and Sierra and Cody Avila.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Waynesville Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Gary Witt officiating. Graveside services were held at noon at the Eldon Cemetery.

Beulah Taylor George, 96, of Montreal died Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born Oct. 3, 1912, in Webster Groves to Clyde and Elizabeth R. (Jones) Taylor. On March 11, 1937, she was married to Nobel George.

Mrs. George was a longtime active member of the Elm Grove Baptist Church and in later years of the Buffalo Prairie Baptist Church. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was a member of the WMU. She was involved in the University of Missouri Outreach and Extension programs as a 4-H leader and in homemaker clubs.

She is survived by a daughter, Charlotte George of Columbia; a son, Jerry George and wife Jeanette of Montreal, Mo.; two granddaughters and their husbands, Elaine and Mark Mallahan of Seal Beach, Calif., and Michelle and Dave Nichols of Denver, Colo.; a great-grandson, Nobel Mallahan of Seal Beach, Calif.; a sister Bonnie Belshe of Webster Groves; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Francis Taylor and a great-granddaughter, Lucy Bell Mallahan.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 25. Memorial services will follow at 11 a.m. at the Richland Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Richland. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery with the Rev. Shirley Williams officiating. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Richland Food Pantry.

Word has been received of the death of Emma Helen Brumley-Kosky, at the age of 88, in Ceres, California. Born on the family farm in Iberia, MO to William Carrol and Gertrude Paterson Brumley, Helen passed away at her home in Ceres on September 18, 2008. She was married on May 23, 1940 in Warrensburg, MO to George Kosky, who died in January 2001.

She is survived by her son, Bill Kosky and his wife, Dianna of Modesto, California; granddaughter Shelli Johnson; and grandson Alan Kosky and his wife Kim; six great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mildred Marguerite Stone of Eldon, Missouri, Hazel (Bill) Evans of Olney, Maryland and Betty (Bob) Deaver of Americus, Georgia. Helen is also survived by many nieces and nephews, including Bill (Jerri) Stone of Eldon, MO.

Helen was a loving wife and hard-working mother. A longtime resident of Ceres, she was retired from John Ingils Frozen Foods, where she had worked for thirty years. She was a member of the LaLoma Grace Bretheren Church in Modesto. She thoroughly enjoyed her church and all the friendships she made there. Sunday was her favorite day of the week. Also very special to her were the Thursday gatherings with friends Vi and Gladys. She took great pride in her family and she loved to bake. Other pastimes she enjoyed were game shows and the Giants
baseball team on television. Helen was much loved and will be missed by all her family and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Faye Schulte, Ruby Smith and Alice Hedgecock; a brother, Bill Brumley; and brothers-in-law Ted Schulte and W.E. “Bill” Stone.

Visitation was at Franklin & Downes-Ceres Chapel. Burial followed at Lakewood Memorial Park in Hughson, CA. Remembrances may be made to LaLoma Grace Brethren Church, 1315 LaLoma Ave., Modesto, CA 95354.

Nellie DeGraffenreid Jeffries, 94, died Tuesday Oct. 21, 2008 at Lake Regional Helath System in Osage Beach. She was born Dec. 4, 1913 in Glaize Township of Camden County to Elijah B. and Olive M. Huddleston DeGraffenreid. She was married to Edward Tolliver Jeffries, who died July 16, 1966.

Mrs. Jeffries retired from Mills Elementary School in Lake Ozark, where she had worked in the cafeteria.

Surviving are two sons and their wives, James Edward and Kathy Jeffries of Lake Winnebago, MO, and Larry Ray and Sylvia Jeffries of Sandy, Utah; four daughters and their husbands, Wanda June Howser of Kaiser, Vonda Jean and Clarence Temmeyer of Hereford, Colo., Phyllis Dean and Neil Oesterly of Camdenton and Daisy Ellen and Leroy Brown of Cape Girardeau; two brothers, Floyd DeGraffenreid and Lloyd DeGraffenreid, both of Brumley; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. One son, Richard, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery, Kaiser.

Unknown Marshalltown, Iowa Newspaper, Unknown year

John F. Graham, deaf mute, formerly of Miller County, Missouri, died suddenly at 2 o’clock, Dec. 18 of heart trouble at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James S. Wornell, 1304 W. Church St. Mr. Graham had been complaining with his chest for some time. He took sick suddenly while in bed and collapsed after being helped to a chair.

Mr. Graham was born in Miller County in 1861. He was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Garrison of Lebanon. The family came to Marshalltown three years ago and have lived with Mr. and Mrs. Wornell. The widow, one son and four daughters survive their father. The children are Mrs. Roy Wallace, 411 S. Sixth St., Mrs. James Wornell and Lena and Velma Graham, 1304 W. Church St., and McKinley Graham of Kansas City, Kansas, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Cooper of Tuscumbia and Mrs. Margaret McCommons of Ulman.

The funeral was held at 2 o’clock Monday and burial made in Riverside Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, December 1944

Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper died at her home near Ulman December 23. She was born in the state of Kentucky July 23, 1852, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Graham. She was married to Elias Cooper and to this union seven children were born, of which five preceded her in death. Those surviving are one son, Sam F. Cooper of near Ulman, and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Patterson of Kansas City, MO. She is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago.

At an early age Mrs. Cooper became a member of the Methodist Church and spent most of her life here in Miller County, being 92 years and five months of age at the time of her passing. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith of Ulman, were held at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon on Christmas and burial was in the Gott Cemetery.
The sudden death of Mrs. J. L. McCommons, of near Ulman, Saturday afternoon came as a stunning shock to her many relatives and friends here and elsewhere. She apparently had been in fair health but was stricken early Saturday afternoon and passed away about 4:00 o’clock. In the absence of her husband, who was away at a distant farm at work in the fields, she managed to phone for aid from her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Clark of Ulman, who summoned a doctor and relatives here, but before they could all arrive she had passed peacefully away.

Margaret Emily, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe Caroline Graham, early pioneer citizens of Miller County, was born near Brumley, MO, Feb. 9, 1872, the youngest of a family of seven children; passed away at her home near Ulman, March 12, 1938, being at the time of her death 66 years of age.

She was united in marriage to John Louis McCommons of Ulman, Oct. 30 1887, and they were blessed with a family of eight children, who, with the husband, survive and are as follows: Mrs. Richard L. (Julia) Wright of Tuscombria; Willard L. of Reinbeck, Iowa; Mrs. Wesley F. (Sadie) Clark of Ulman; Albert R. of Asheville, N. Carolina; Mrs. Dewey E. (Ina) Kallenbach of Tuscombria; Mrs. Burleigh H. (Helen) Cantwell of Eldon; Mrs. Dorsey O. (Ruth) Barron of Tuscombria, and John Glen of Philadelphia, Pa. Besides the children she is survived by seven grandchildren—Helen, Lorraine and Illys Lee McCommons of Des Moines, Iowa; Murray McCommons of Reinbeck, Iowa; Leahetta McCommons of Asheville, N. Carolina, and Patricia Wright and Marilyn Barron of Tuscombria. She also leaves to mourn, one sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper of near Ulman, besides a host of near relatives and friends.

Mrs. McCommons united with the Brumley Baptist Church at the age of 14 years, later transferring her membership to the Ulman Baptist Church, and she continued steadfastly in the faith until the end.

Mr. and Mrs. McCommons in early married life lived on their farm in the Bear Creek community near Brumley, where they worked and prospered, but later moved to their present home near Ulman where they continued to live until her death. She, by her faithfulness and integrity, contributed much to the well being of her husband and children, ever admonishing and teaching them in the right, and by her conscientious devotion she was rewarded by being permitted to live to see them all prosper and establish happy homes for themselves, and what more could a kindhearted Christian mother wish? She was a devout Christian and attended church at every opportunity, never shirking the duty of serving her Master whenever duty called. She loved everyone, and it can truly be said that she went about doing good.

Funeral services were held from the Ulman Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o’clock with the Rv. Raymond Gilbreath, pastor of the Eldon Methodist Church and a dear friend of the family, and Rev. G. Omar Hickey, her former pastor, in charge. Song services were in charge of T.C. Wright of Tuscombria, assisted by four women and three men, as follows: Mrs. T.C. Wright, Mrs. Curtis Barton, Miss Frances Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Brockman, and W.S. Stillwell and son Roger. Pallbearers were W.C. McClain, nephew of Mrs. McCommons, and her five sons-in-law, B.H. Cantwell, W.F. Clark, R.L. Wright, D.E. Kallenbach and D.O. Barron.

Following the impressive funeral services, attended by a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives, the body was conveyed to Gott Cemetery where interment was made in the family lot, Phillips Funeral Home in charge. All the children and grandchildren were in attendance at the funeral.

Funeral services for John Lewis McCommons, prominent farmer of the Ulman community, were held at the Ulman Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o’clock. Rev. Merle Bandy, pastor, officiated at the service. Interment was made at Gott Cemetery with Phillips
Mr. McCommons, although in ill health for the past few years, was only critical for the last two weeks, being confined to the Latham Hospital at California, Mo., where he passed away at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, September 9, 1951, at the age of 84.

J.L., as he was well known to his many friends, was the son of Stanhope and Julia Ann Youngblood McCommons. He was born near Eldon, February 12, 1867. He comes from one of the pioneer families of Miller County. His father was a native of North Carolina, migrating to Tennessee where he married, later moving his family westward to Missouri in 1855, first to ST. Clair County, and later to Miller County in 1861.

On October 30, 1887, he was married to Margaret Emily Graham who preceded him in death on March 12, 1938. To this union 8 children were born, all surviving as follows: Julia Wright, Tuscumbia; Willard L. of Reinbeck, Iowa; Sadie Clark and Albert Reice of Ulman; Ina Kallenbach of Tuscumbia; Helen Cantwell of Eldon; Ruth Barron of Tuscumbia; and John Graham of the U.S. Navy, whose home is in Salinas, Calif. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Rosa Capps of Rolla, and 3 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

On November 30, 1940, he was married to Mrs. Cleo (Blankenship) Thompson who also survives.

He had for many years been a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. McCommons spent his entire life as a farmer and stockman near Ulman. He truly loved the soil and through experience learned to care for it well putting into practice modern soil conservation methods which gave him success and satisfaction. Likewise, he also was a leader in promoting better livestock production, and would have only the best on his premises. He could talk with conviction to his friends and neighbors on the merits or demerits of this or that breed of livestock. His naturally cheery disposition was an inspiration to not only those of the farm circle but to everyone with whom he came in contact.

Funeral services were held at the Ulman Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. J. Merle Bandy of Iberia in Charge. Burial was in Gott Cemetery with the Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon in charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication, February 1929

Mrs. Alex McClain died at her home near Brumley Thursday evening, Feb. 14, 1929, following a very short illness of influenza and pneumonia.

Ella Esther McCommons, daughter of Stanhope and Julia Anne McCommons, was born in Illinois Nov 16, 1865. When just a child she came with her parents to Missouri, living a short time in St. Clair County. From there they came to Miller County, living just north of what is now the City of Eldon. They lived there until 1871 when the family moved to a farm just across the river from Tuscumbia.

She was married to Alexander McClain Jan. 5, 1876, and to this union eleven children were born, all of whom are still living—Mrs. May Coburn, San Diego, Calif.; Wm. C. McClain, Brumley, Mo.; Chas. C. McClain, Barnsdall, Okla.; Mrs. Lena Keeth, Hominy, Okla.; L.T. McClain, Shirley, Ark.; J. Milton McClain, Enid, Okla.; Mrs. Elsie Moles, Ralston, Okla.; Mrs. Eunice Goodhue, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Alice Null, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Bernice Griffith, Buckley, Ill.; Mrs. Ruby Hendrix, Brumley. She is survived by twenty-five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters—Mrs. Julia Wilson, Perckins, Okla.; Mrs. Ida R. Hauenstein, Tuscumbia; Mrs. Rosa Capps Hopkins, Iberia, Mo., and one brother—J.L. McCommons, Ulman, Mo.

The deceased has been a member of the Baptist Church from girlhood. Her life was an example of love and devotion to her family and neighbors. She helped to raise and sent to school Carl and Elmer Pepmiller, sons of a deceased neighbor. She also principally raised and educated the following grandchildren: Ruby Simpson, Ardis, Bonnie, Beryl and Leland McClain. At the
time of her death she had with her three grandchildren—Lowell, Goldie and Gladys McClain, who were attending school at Brumley.

Her busy, cheerful life will be a sweet memory to all her relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at the church at the Gott Cemetery Sunday afternoon by Rev. Zumwalt, pastor of the Iberia Baptist Church. Interment was in the Gott Cemetery where her father and mother were buried many years ago.

**Unknown Publication, November 1963**

Funeral services for *Fred Capps* were held in the chapel of the Barkley Funeral home in Canton Friday, November 22, with the Rev. Roy Griggs, pastor of the Canton Christian Church in charge. Music was furnished by Mrs. Marvin Zenge at the organ. Pallbearers were Joe Hootman, Marvin Zenge, Ragan Shanks, R.V. Shanks, A.N. Allen and Robert Matthews. Burial was in the Forest Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Capps died in St. Mary Hospital in Quincy Tuesday, November 19, where he had been a patient for about five days.

Frederick Silas Capps, the son of John and Rosa McCommons Capps, was born March 20, 1889, at Iberia, Mo. He was united in marriage to Bessie Shanks on November 25, 1909, at Rolla, Mo. To this union three children were born.

Mr. and Mrs. Capps lived at Rolla for several years where he was associated with his father in a department store. Later he was connected with large department stores in St. Louis and with Russell Crofoot in the publishing business in New York City.

He opened a variety store in Canton on Clark Street about 30 years ago. He was immediately successful, and when the Mercantile company was closed, he bought the building at Fourth and Lewis Streets where the store is now located.

Mr. Capps was an active member of all civic and religious affairs. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Canton Christian Church and served as a deacon for many years.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Roy Kane of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; a son, Robert Capps of Canton, who has been associated with him in the store; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two brothers, Otis Capps of Marble Hill, Mo., and George Capps of Rolla, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Maggi of Rolla and Mrs. Ida Pulse of Tucson, Arizona; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by a son, Frederick Julian Capps; three brothers and a sister.

**Miller County Autogram, May 1955**

Richard Lawrence Wright, son of the late Green Lee and Mary Emma Boyce Wright, was born three miles north of Tuscumbia on December 25, 1886, and met his death in an automobile accident near McCune, Kansas, May 4, 1955. At the time of his death, he was sixty-eight years of age.

He received his education at Wright and Tuscumbia schools and Iberia Academy and taught two terms in rural schools. Richard became a member of the Tuscumbia Christian Church in 1907. Through the years he has been a regular attendant and faithful to his convictions. For several years he had been an elder in the church.

In 1909, he became the first rural letter carrier out of the Tuscumbia postoffice and served the patrons of rural route one for forty-five years, until his retirement in August, 1954. He took a very active interest in the Rural Leter Carriers Association, attending the county, state and national conventions.

On May 28, 1913, he was married to Julia Carolyn McCommons, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.L. McCommons of Ulman. Three children born to this union died in infancy and a daughter, Gertrude died in early childhood. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Clarence.
Close survivors are: his wife; one daughter, Patricia, wife of Dr. Lloyd Jones, and their two children, Cynthia and Mike of Independence, Kansas; one sister, Gertrude Topping of Barnett; and three brothers, Otis of Pierce City, Homer Lee of Tuscumbia and Charles of Centralia.

Unknown Publication, May 1970

Mrs. Richard L. (Julia) Wright, 81, died on May 9, 1970, in a nursing home in West Des Moines, Iowa. She was the widow of Richard L. Wright who passed away in 1955. Prior to that time they had lived in Tuscumbia, Missouri, where Mr. Wright was a rural mail carrier for 45 years.

Mrs. Wright was a past state president of the Missouri Rural Letter Carriers’ Auxiliary, and had attended many state and national conventions.

She is survived by one daughter, a grandson, and four sisters, one of whom, Mrs. Wesley Clark, is also a widow of a Missouri Rural Carrier.

Mrs Wright was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a 50 year member of the Royal Neighbors of America. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, August 1969

Funeral services for Williard L. McCommons, 78, of Reinbeck, Iowa, were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. A native of Miller County, he was born June 5, 1891, near Brumley, the son of J.L. and Margaret McCommons, but had spent approximately the past 60 years in Iowa. He was a barber by trade, and although semiretired, still spent about two days each week at the shop.

He died suddenly at his home in Reinbeck on Sunday, Aug. 10, as a result of a severe stroke.

Survivors include his wife; four children and one step-daughter, all married; nine grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Richard (Julia) Wright of Des Moines, Ia., Mrs. W.F. (Sadie) Clark and Mrs. D.E. (Ina) Kallenbach, Tuscumbia, and Mrs. Burleigh (Helen) Cantwell, Eldon; and one brother, Glen, of Salinas, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Kallenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Cantwell, and Mrs. D.O. Barron went to Reinbeck on Tuesday to attend the funeral and to be with the family at this time.

Unknown Publication, July 1991

Services for a former Reinbeck man, Murray “Mac” McCommons, 6?, Of West Des Moines, Iowa, were held Monday afternoon, July 22, 1991, at McLaren’s Funeral Chapel, West Des Moines. The body was cremated after the service for interment at a later date.

Mr. McCommons died Thursday, July 18, 1991, at Veteran’s Hospital in Des Moines of kidney failure.

He was born at Reinbeck, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Lee (Jupe) McCommons. He received his education in Reinbeck Public Schools and graduated from Reinbeck High School with the class of 1939. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Following his time in service he lived in the Des Moines area for 5 years where he was employed by the Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

Survivors include 3 sisters, Mrs. Helen Beeston of Des Moines, Mrs. Lorraine Brown of Indio, Calif., Mrs. Illys Hoyt of Omaha, NE, a step-son, Michael Jones of Norwalk, Iowa; also two step-grandchildren.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, November 1964

Wesley F. Clark of Tuscumbia, a retired mail carrier, died Tuesday at Humphreys Hospital where he was admitted one week earlier. He was born Oct 14, 1891, at Ulman. His parents were Earnest M. and Almeda J. (Wimmer) Clark. On June 16, 1929, he was married to Miss Sadie Brooks McCommons, who survives.
Mr. Clark was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Tuscumbia, Brumley Lodge 203 AF & AM, the Royal Arch Masons of Eldon, and the Tuscumbia Lions Club.

He retired Oct. 31, 1961, as a rural mail carrier at Ulman after nearly 37 years service. He was a member of the Rural Letter Carriers’ Association and served in various county and district offices. He was president of the Fifth District, composed of 15 counties, for two years.

A veteran of World War I, he served almost three years in the U.S. Navy, and was a musician in a navy band during his service.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Clark is survived by one brother, James Clark, of Pleasant Hill, O.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Tuscumbia Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert Bullard officiating. Burial will be in the Tuscumbia Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Sadie B. Clark, 95, of Tuscumbia died Sunday, July 9, 1989 at the Miller County Nursing Home at Tuscumbia. She was born July 17, 1893, in Brumley to John L. and Margaret Emily Graham McCommons. On June 16, 1929, she was married in Crocker to Wesley F. Clark, who died Nov. 24, 1964.

Mrs. Clark lived in Ulman for many years, moving to Tuscumbia in 1958. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving her are a sister, Helen Cantwell of Eldon; a brother, John Glen McCommons of Salinas, Calif.; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Joe David Ruffin officiating. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Final rites for Albert Reice McCommons, 66, were held Monday at the Ulman Baptist Church where he held membership. His death on Saturday afternoon was attributed to a heart attack. Mr. McCommons was in the yard at his farm home near Ulman when he suffered the seizure.

A son of John L. and Margaret Emily (Graham) McCommons, he was born Oct. 7, 1896, at Brumley. On Jan 22, 1916, Mr. McCommons was married to Opal Burks who survives.

Mr. and Mrs. McCommons came to the farm fur years ago when he retired from his work as a construction foreman. He had been in the Eastern and Southern states.

Survivors include the wife of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Leahetta Graham of Ulman; four grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. Julia Wright, Independence, Kan., Mrs. Sadie Clark and Mrs. Ina Kallenbach, Tuscumbia, Mrs. Helen Cantwell, Eldon, and Mrs. Ruth Barron, Columbia; two brothers, William L. McCommons, Reinbeck, Ia., and John Glen McCommons, Salinas, Calif. Mr. McCommons was preceded in death by his parents.

The eight brothers and sisters of the family were together when a family reunin was held June of this year at the home of Mr. and MRS. Burleigh Cantwell of Eldon. Glen was visiting his relatives here at the time.

The Rev. Louis Elseman and the Rev. E.L. Dane officiated at the services at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Burial was in Gott Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Pallbearers were Roy McCubbin, Fred Cardwell, John Graham, Roy McDonald, Warren Patterson and Leslie Burris.

Wanda Lea Nickels, one of eight children born to the union of the late John Monroe and Evelyn (Shelton) Ferguson, was born August 31, 1923, in Iberia, Missouri. She passed away at
9:22 p.m., Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Missouri at the age of 85 years, 1 month and 22 days.

When she was a young girl, Wanda accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized in the late 1930’s at the First Baptist Church of Waynesville. Wanda’s early education was received in the Iberia and Meta Elementary schools. She began her 9th grade year at Waynesville High School and graduated Valedictorian, Class of 1941.

On August 10, 1941, Wanda eloped with Harvey E. Nickels. They were married at the Camden County Courthouse. Wanda and “Doc” Nickels were blessed with three sons, James Gary, Terry Lee, and Darrell Gene.

In 1942 while Harvey was away at war, Wanda worked with her family in Arlington at the Beacon Hill Truck Stop on Old Route 66. In 1944, Wanda and Harvey bought the Laquey General Country Store and Post Office which they ran until 1948, when they moved to Kirksville for Harvey to complete medical school. During this period Wanda opened a nursery school for children. In 1954, Doc opened his first practice at Carl Junction, obtaining Wanda’s assistance running the office. They moved back to Waynesville in 1955. In 1967, Wanda Became a NAPA Jobber and operated the first NAPA Auto Parts Store and acquired several rental properties.

Due to the death of Pulaski County Clerk, Henry Bailey in 1975, Wanda was appointed by Governor Kit Bond to fill the position. She was very intelligent, and a savvy businesswoman. Over the years, she made contributions to the Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs for children’s sports, and for the construction of the original Waynesville swimming pool. She was a member of BPW and the Republican Women’s Committee.

Wanda was very good at crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She enjoyed watching and feeding birds, especially hummingbirds. Her favorite things were family outings, especially boating at the Lake of the Ozarks, playing bridge with the Bridge Club and riding in the car.

Wanda leaves to cherish her memory three sons: Gary Nickels and wife, Norma of Waynesville, MO, Terry Nickels, D.O. and wife Connie of Moore, OK and Darrell Nickels and wife Adele of Waynesville, MO; five siblings, Lois Rearrick of Laquey, MO, Geraldine Wallace and husband Kenny of Lebanon, MO, John Ferguson and wife Wanda of Sunrise Beach, MO, Jim Ferguson and wife Lenna of Waynesville, MO and Shirley Roberson of Laquey, MO; her beloved grand and great-grandchildren: Shawn, Hailie, Brandi, Tracy, Justice, Alana, Lisa, Colton, Colby, Terry Lee, Carrie, Riley, Kinzy, Campbell, Darrell Gene, Jace, Nick, Isabella and Mariah; several nieces, nephews and relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents, Wanda was preceded in death by an infant brother; a sister, Vivian Keeth, and brothers-in-law, Herb Rearrick and Bob Roberson.

The Kansas City Star, August 1963

Mrs. Emma E. Allen, 91, of 737 Packard, Kansas City, Kansas, died yesterday at the home after a 3-month illness.

Mrs. Allen was born in Tuscumbia, Mo., and moved to Kansas City, Kansas 28 years ago. She was a member of the Gospel Tabernacle Church.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Dollie Coffman, 1517 North Eighteenth; Mrs. Daisy Anson, 1501 North Twenty-third; Mrs. Maude Overton, 404 North Tenth; Mrs. Ella Venard, 401 ½ North Sixth, and Mrs. Dorothy Hrabe, Plainville, Kans.; three sons, Edgar Cotton, Logan, Kans.; Everett Cotton, Glendale, Ariz.; and Lloyd Allen 9901 Oakdale; 34 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation from 7-9 p.m. Monday at Warnick-Eads Funeral Chapel. Services at 3 p.m. on Tuesday from the Gospel Tabernacle, 934 Scott. Interment, Maple Hill Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, 29 Jul 1999

Kelly C. Small, 85, of Eldon died Sunday, July 25, 1999, at St. Marys Health Center in Jefferson City. He was born May 19, 1914, in Tuscumbia to Thomas Hendricks and Minta
Lenora Goodrick Small. On March 27, 1988, he was married in Manchester to Virginia Morgan, who survives at the home. His first wife, Dortha M. Small, preceded him in death.

Mr. Small attended Central Missouri State Teachers College, earning his teaching certificate. He also was a farmer and was co-owner of Admire/Small Bulldozing Co. He was a charter member and deacon for many years at the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Small is survived by two sons, Daniel Kelly Small of Concordia and Gary Clay Small of Richmond, Mo.; a daughter, Darlene May Ferguson of Eldon; two stepsons, James Morgan of Jefferson City and Mike Morgan of Dixon; three stepdaughters, Carol Morgan of Columbia, Kathleen Norment of Powder Springs, GA, and Marilyn Jenkins of Eugene; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; 10 step-grandchildren; 15 step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Glenna Harryman of Louisville, Ky.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon with Rev. Roy Weece officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, November 2008

Mable D. Hamilton, age 90, of Union, formerly of St. Elizabeth, died Thursday, October 30, 2008, at Sunset Health Care in Union. She was born in Alton, Illinois, on October 17, 1918, daughter of John L. and Dulcie E. (Cason) Marrow. On October 12, 1940, in St. Louis, she married Stanley W. Hamilton, who preceded her in death on August 27, 2003.

Survivors include two sons, Stanley “Sonny” Hamilton of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Ted Hamilton of Godfrey, Illinois; two daughters, Barbara Traiteur of Catawissa and Ann Faragher of St. Clair; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Johnny, Henry, and William Marrow.

Services will be at 11:30 A.M. on Monday, November 3, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Manuel Seaton will officiate. Interment will be in Dick Lawson Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 9:30-11:30 A.M. on Monday, November 3, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Dick Lawson Cemetery.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008

Edna Mary Attridge Huffman, 80, of Jefferson City died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008. She was born Aug 18, 1928, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, the only child of Wellington James and Christina Miller Attridge. She was married Nov. 12, 1946, to Kenneth Guy Huffman, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Huffman became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1955. She was employed by the Jefferson City Public Schools from 1960 until her retirement. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, the University of Missouri Extension Center, the Missouri Highway District Five Wives and the Board of Education Retired Secretaries. She was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three children, Nancy Louise Huffman Shank and husband Paul of Jefferson City, Mary Huffman Gainey of Eldon and Gary Keith Huffman and wife Kim Huffman of Jefferson City; nine grandchildren, Mary Shank Stanley, Laura Shank Debrincat, Amy Boyer Cutler, Noel Boyer, Ellen Boyer Ratcliff, Miles Boyer, Dane Huffman, Ashley Huffman Vaughn and Jon Huffman; and nine great-grandchildren.

A son-in-law, Stuart P. Gainey, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held from noon until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City. A memorial service will immediately follow with the Rev. Daniel Hilty, the Rev. Mark Dumas and the Rev. Chris Dumas officiating. Arrangements are
Charles Howard Atwell, 96, of Simi Valley, Calif. died Oct 21, 2008, at the Simi Valley Care Center. He was the uncle of David Atwell Yarger of Versailles. Mr. Atwell was born Feb. 20, 1912, in Tusculum to Hugh M. and Ida Alice Thompson Atwell. He was graduated from Eldon High School in 1930. He was a lifetime member of the Instrument Society of America and volunteered for the Hannibal Regional Hospital Auxiliary and for Lifeline. He previously lived in Louisiana and had worked for Monsanto in St. Louis. In 1976, he began working at American Cyanamid, retiring in 1980, but continuing as a special consultant for the company. He left Hannibal in 1999 to be near his family in Simi Valley.

Surviving are his daughters and sons-in-law, Ronda Kaye and Alvin Oster and Diane and Jack Williamson, all of Simi Valley; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Howard and Rita Atwell of Baltimore, Md.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louis Hammock Atwell; two brothers, his twin Harold, who died at age 6 months, and Glenn; and two sisters, Virginia and Bethel.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Hannibal with the Rev. Mark Albee officiating. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana under the direction of Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Hannibal-LaGrange College or the Simi Valley Care Center in care of the funeral home at 2619 St. Mary’s Ave., Hannibal, MO 63401.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, November 2008

Jewell I. Davis, 91 died on November 6, 2008 at Capitol Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born September 30, 1917, in Jefferson City, Missouri to Jesse Loyd McKinney and Lora Josie Walker McKinney. She was married to John Davis on June 9, 1935, in California, Missouri who preceded her in death on November 6, 1986.

She is survived by two sons, Edwin Davis of Rocky Mount, Missouri, and Jerry Davis of St. Louis, Missouri, three brothers, Clarence McKinney of Warrenton, Missouri, Glenn McKinney of Holts Summit, Missouri and Billy McKinney of Holts Summit, Missouri, three sisters, Erma Loesch of Ava, Missouri, Helen Friedich of Columbia, Illinois, and Doris Moore of Holts Summit, Missouri, eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, John Davis, She was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Schwartz, two sons, James Davis and Roger Davis, one grandson Christopher Davis and two brothers, Kenneth McKinney and Howard McKinney.

She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of St. Charles, Missouri.

Visitation will be Saturday November 8, 2008 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM with the Funeral Service at 12:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri, with interment to follow at Riverview Cemetery in Jefferson City, Missouri, Pastor Peter Lange officiating. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Unknown Publication, August 1934

Bird Taylor Watkins was born on the old Watkins farm at Watkins, Mo., May 7 1858; died at his home in Ulman, Missouri, August 3rd, 1934, at the age of 76 years, two months and 26 days. He was the son of William Shelton and Mary Jane (Livingston) Watkins who came from Kentucky and settled on the old Watkins farm, where he grew to manhood and near where he lived the greater part of his life.

At the age of 20 years he professed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist Church at Hickory Point where he lived a faithful member until five years ago when he moved to Ulman and united with the Baptist Church at that place, in which he held his membership until his death.

On December 14, 1879, he was united in marriage to Mary A. Hughes who survives him. To this union five children were born, three of whom died in infancy. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and two daughters, Mrs. L.P. Pemberton and Mrs. A.B. Clark, both of Iberia,
Mo.; also he leaves four grandchildren, Miss Phyllis Pemberton of Kansas City, Mo., Hilary Pemberton and Glennis Pemberton and Rosemary Clark, all of Iberia, Mo. Also one great-grandson, William Preston, son of Hilary Pemberton; one brother P.M. Watkins of Elkton, Mo., and one sister, Mrs. Will Irwin of Iberia, Mo., survive him. His two brothers, Bowline and Emmet Watkins, passed on a few years ago.

He was a kind husband and father, a friend in need and always stood for the right things and is sadly missed by his family.

Funeral services were conducted August fifth at the Baptist Church in Ulman by Bros. Fayette Howser and Omar Hickey, pastor of the church, after which he was laid to rest in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, September 1934

A gloom of sorrow was cast over this community Tuesday night about nine-thirty o’clock when the sad news reached here that Mrs. Ray (Eva) Kinder had just past away in the Lebanon hospital where she was taken last Friday for emergency treatment. Shortly after she took seriously ill, she developed double pneumonia. Local physicians did all in their power to alleviate the trouble, and when their untiring efforts proved futile she was taken to the hospital with the hope that something might yet be done.

The body was brought back to Iberia Tuesday night and prepared for burial by local funeral directors, Adams & Casey. According to present arrangements, funeral services conducted by her pastor, Rev. Jewell Smoot, will be held from the Methodist church this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o’clock, after which interment will be made in the town cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, a son and daughter, Lowell and Genevive; an aged father, J.L. Hopkins; one brother, Marion Hopkins, and two sisters, Mrs. Spurgeon Groff and Miss Ruby Hopkins. A complete obituary will appear next week.

Unknown Publication, March 1935

Charles Wesley Pendleton, an aged Miller County citizen residing on a farm about two miles northeast of St. Anthony, died at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City Saturday night, March 16, from the effects of a ruptured appendix. He took seriously ill on Wednesday of last week and was rushed to the hospital where he underwent an operation which proved of no avail.

Mr. Pendleton was born near St. Elizabeth 76 years ago and resided in this county all his life. He is survived by his widow and seven children, namely: Mrs. John Hicks, Mrs. Lonnie Crane, Mary and Gladys at home, Luther, Roy and Otis Pendleton, besides a host of other relatives.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith, were held at the Union Church near Brays Tuesday afternoon, after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place. Adams & Casey, Iberia Funeral Directors had charge of the funeral and burial.

Unknown Publication, 1935

Joseph Crismon, son of Ex-Judge Louis Crismon of near Tuscumbia, died last Sunday of an appendix trouble, in a Kansas City Kans. hospital where he had been taken for treatment. He had been ill for about three weeks.

His body was brought back to Miller County and funeral services conducted by Rev. Arthur Crouch of Tuscumbia, were held at the Mt. Zion Christian Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o’clock, and interment was made in the Tuscumbia Cemetery under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

For a number of years, prior to his moving to Kansas City, Mr. Crismon was employed at the Rock Island round house in Eldon. He was transferred to Kansas City about three years ago.

He was married to a daughter of Bismark Nixdorf of this county and to this union five children were born, three sons and two daughters. Besides his widow and children he is survived
by his parents and three brothers—Elmer of Tuscumbia and Frank and Earl of Kansas City, Mo. Joseph Crismon was 35 years old at the time of his death.

Unknown Publication, October 1936

Joseph Crismon, another one of the few remaining G.A.R. veterans of this section of the state, passed away at his home in Meta last Thursday following a recent severe attack of illness. Mr. Crismon was well known throughout Miller and Maries counties, having resided in both practically all his life prior to his moving to Meta.

He and Comrade John Ferguson of Iberia were “buddies” during the Civil War, both serving together in Company M of the 3rd Mo. Volunteer Cavalry. Due to the fact that Comrade Ferguson was visiting his grandson, Herbert Martin, in Kansas at the time of Mr. Crismon’s death, he was unable to attend the funeral.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Chas. M. Sooter, were held from the Crismon home in Meta Saturday and burial was made in the Duncan Cemetery with members of the Iberia Masonic Lodge (of which Mr. Crismon was a member) in charge.

Joseph Crismon, son of John and Melcenia Crismon, was born April 24, 1843 and died on October 15, 1936 at the age of 93 years, five months, and 21 days. The place of his birth was near Vienna in what was then Osage County. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Union Army as a member of Company M of the 3rd Mo. Volunteer Cavalry on August 15, 1862. He served in the war for two years and ten months.

On Nov. 30, 1864, he was united in marriage to Nancy Caroline Lawson of the Lawson community in Miller County. To this union seven children were born, three of whom preceded him in death: John A., Alvarata L. and Willard M. Crismon. His wife also preceded him in death 30 years ago. He is survived by four children, all of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death; Mrs. Sadie B. Wilson of Keystone, Oklahoma, Misses Nancy and Millie Crismon of the home, and Fred P. Crismon of near Russellville. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Crismon was a farmer during the most of his active life. After the war he lived for a time near Vienna in Marie County. From there he moved to the Lawson School Community near Iberia where he lived for many years. Forty-six years ago he united with the Methodist Church at the Hicks School House, a branch of the Iberia Church of which he was a member.

Unknown Publication, October 1936

Willard Burton Burns, son of Henry and Susan Burns, died at his home near Tuscumbia Sunday following a prolonged illness. He was born April 5, 1887, and was 49 years, 6 months and 13 days old at the time of his death.

He was united in marriage to Susan Maybelle Vaughan, Mar. 7, 1909. To this union nine children were born—Willard Rollen, Virgil Howard, Raymond Edward, Hazel Ella, Victor Burton, James Carroll, Robert Leland, William Homer and Letha Mae. Willard Rollen died February 2, 1910 and Raymond Edward died August 9, 1914. The remainder of the children were at home at the time of his death.

His mother and father, Henry and Susan Burns, are left to mourn his departure; also two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Matney of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. Sam Admire of Liberty. One brother preceded him in death about forty years ago. Other brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. John Harbison of Tuscumbia, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill of Eldon, Mr. and Mrs. Will Moon of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Charley McDaniel of Kansas City, Mrs. Millie Mead of Bagnell and Luther Vaughn of Kansas City, Sam Admire of Liberty and Walter Matney of California. Many more relatives and friends are left to regret his passing away from their midst.

Wife and children, as well as neighbors, did all loving hands could do to ease his suffering until the last.
He united with the Christian Church at Tuscumbia about twenty-eight years ago. He was a faithful member until his death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday by Rev. Earl Woods and T.C. Wright, with Phillips Funeral Home undertaking services and burial was in Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Lizzie Ahart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ahart, was born in Henrietta, Oklahoma, April 16, 1905. She passed away at their home in Iberia Friday, June 4, 1937, at the age of 32 years 1 month and 18 days.

She was married to Otto Rowden June 4th, 1931 and they established their home and have lived in and near Iberia the past several years.

To them one child was born—a still born, on June 4, 1937. Those surviving her are two children, James and Lois Marie, husband, father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Chas. Hawkins and Martha; two brothers, Sherman and Charley, and many other relatives and friends. Also, three stepchildren, Verenia Mae, Ruby Mary and Selma Edna Rowden.

Funeral services were held at the Iberia Nazarene Church conducted by Rev. John Phillips and interment was made in the Brays Cemetery northeast of Iberia.

Mrs. Bert Whittle, who with her husband and others left Miller County a number of months ago for the State of Washington, died in a hospital in Yakima, Wash. Thursday, August 13, after an illness of eleven days. Mr. and Mrs. Whittle were living at Wapato, Wash, when she took sick.

Mrs. Whittle was a daughter of Mr. Jack Brumley of near Iberia and was well and favorably known here. Besides her husband she leaves two children, a father, three sisters, five brothers and a host of other relatives and friends. Her mother preceded her in death a few years ago.

The body of Mrs. Whittle is being shipped back to Miller county, but up to the time the Sentinel goes to press we have been unable to learn anything definite as to funeral arrangements.

James H. Groves, son of the late Elijah S. and Katherine Breeden Groves, was born near Linn in Osage County, Mo., Nov. 30, 1854; died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1936, approximately 82 years of age. He has lived most of his life here in Miller County in and around Iberia, having come to this county with his father and the rest of the family at about the age of 12. He never was married. He was commonly called Uncle Jim by most everybody who knew him. In early life he followed farming with his father. In later years he worked at his trade painting, until he became disabled.

Uncle Jim was converted and united with the Methodist Church of Iberia many years ago and lived a Christian the remainder of his life. His favorite songs were “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart,” and “The Uncloudy Day.” He was a good man, his character and friendship being always dependable.

He leaves to mourn his passing one sister, Mrs. W.W. Sooter of Iberia, and two brothers, William R. Groves of Woodward, Oklahoma and Isaac Groves of Hancock; also a host of other relatives and friends. He was of a large family; several brothers and sisters having preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon by Rev. W.M. Sooter at Union Cemetery east of Iberia, near Brays. Rev. Sooter used for the basis of his discourse the very appropriate scripture which reads, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures here on earth where moth
and rust doth corrupt, but lay up treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt nor thieves break through and steal.” Interment was in the family lot in Union Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, 1936

Mrs. Manley H. (Ollie) Renfrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Flaugher, died at Omaha, Neb. Thursday of last week following a long illness.

The deceased was born near Tuscumbia and was 43 years, 8 months and 16 days old at the time of her death and was married August 15, 1909 to Manley H. Renfrow.

Besides the husband, she leaves to mourn her death seven children—William, Fred, Manley Jr., Paul, Joe and Mary; also her mother, Mrs. Mary Flaugher, and three brothers, Willie, Elmer and Charlie Flaugher of Tuscumbia.

Mrs. Renfrow was a member of the Church of God, uniting with the church at Cleveland, Tenn.

The body was brought to Tuscumbia and on Sunday services were conducted here by Rev. Charles O. Renfrow of Tulsa, Okla. Burial was in Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, October 1936

The entire community was shocked when the sad news of the death of Quentin Porter, at the Wallace Memorial Hospital in Lebanon last Friday night was announced. Quentin, on Tuesday, September 29th, took ill, the nature of his illness being something like tonsillitis. After a day or so he was compelled to take his bed and the trouble continued to grow more aggravating. During the balance of the week he experienced two and three hard chills a day and his temperature ran very high. Saturday night following he was taken to the Wallace Hospital for special treatment, but in spite of all that could be done his condition continued to grow more alarming. The nature of his illness was somewhat baffling to the doctors in attendance, however they finally thought it might be typhoid. To make the case more critical, he contracted pneumonia Friday evening about 6 o’clock and lived only about three hours. His wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Porter, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin, were at his bedside when the end came.

The body was brought back to Iberia Friday night and Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o’clock, impressive funeral services, conducted by Dr. G. Byron Smith, were held from the Congregational Church in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

The song service was conducted by a quartet, consisting of the following young men who had been associates of Quentin’s: Berry Livingston, Wes Condra, Spurgeon Atwell and Russell Mobley. Interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

Quintin Balfred Porter, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Porter was born near Hancock, Missouri on April 28, 1907. Quentin passed away at the Wallace Memorial Hospital in Lebanon Friday evening, October 9th 1936, being 29 years, 5 months and 5 days of age.

When about five years old his parents moved to Iberia, where he attended the public grade school and the Iberia Academy.

On the seventh of September, 1929, he was married to Elsie Hix of near Ulman, Missouri. Quentin spent practically all his life in Iberia, except for the last few years, when he had employment in Kansas City and Jefferson City.

About four years ago, on Easter Sunday, Quentin united with the Iberia Congregational Church, where he kept his membership to the end.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a dear wife, father, mother and one sister (Mrs. Glenn Martin), two grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Porter; six uncles, five aunts, besides many other relatives and friends.

Unknown Publication, November 1933
Margaret A. Tallman died Nov 7, 1933, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary E. Brown, in Springfield, Mo., where she had been visiting for the past three weeks. Her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Petrikin, was at her bedside all through her illness which was heart trouble.

The body was brought to Crocker by J.L. Hoops and Sns, undertakers, and the funeral held in the Presbyterian Church at 2 o’clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Schone, after which the body was conveyed to the Tallman Cemetery south of Iberia for burial.

Those of her relatives who were at the funeral were Clair Tallman, wife and son from St. Joseph, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Rowden of Crocker, MO., Mrs. Blanche Petrikin and son John, of Iberia, Mrs. Josephine Bradford of Waynesville, Mo., Mrs. Ruby Minton of St. Louis, Mrs. Mary E. Brown and Mrs. Julia Miller of Springfield, Mo., also Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of Wister, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Tallman was the widow of the late John B. Tallman who preceded her in death 33 years ago.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, November 2008

Bert Truman Richardson, age 77, of Eldon, died Sunday, November 9, 2008, at St. Marys Health Center. He was born in Tuscumbia on June 14, 1931, a son of the late Homer Floyd and Brooksie (Workman) Richardson. On July 9, 1950, in Aurora Springs, he was married to Zelma “Faye” Brown, who survives at the home.

Bert was a member of the Aurora Springs Baptist Church. He enjoyed spending his time fishing, hunting, walking and watching his grandkids play sports. Bert played basketball for Tuscumbia High School.

Others who survive him include: three children, Brenda Sue Engelbrecht and husband Marvin of Treasure Island, Florida, Debra Kay Setser and husband John of Springfield and Dennis Wayne Richardson and wife Jeannie of Jefferson City; six grandchildren, Melissa Snellen and husband Brian, Kori York, Justin Setser, Spencer Douglas Richardson, Cassidy Joy Richardson and Skylar Truman Richardson; three sisters, Ann Coffman, Corraine Aton and Hazel Browne; three brothers, Wayne, Glen and Marvin Richardson and his beloved dog, Toby. Two sisters, Velma Clines and Delpha Keeth, also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. with services immediately following at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, at Aurora Springs Baptist Church near Eldon. Pastor John Dearing will officiate. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Aurora Springs Baptist Church.

Emil Frank Zimmer, age 73, of Vienna, died Monday, November 3, 2008, at Maries Manor in Vienna. He was born in Brinktown on October 15, 1935, son of Joseph and Clara (Brandel) Zimmer.

Prior to his retirement, he worked for many years for Intertherm, Inc. in St. Louis. He was a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Brinktown.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Zimmer of Doniphan and David Zimmer of St. Louis; two half brothers, Martin Zimmer of Kansas City and Donnie Zimmer of Omaha, Nebraska; three half sisters, Betty Duggan of Brinktown, Helen Trippensee of Jefferson City, and Teresa Erhart of Havelock, North Carolina; and six grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Brinktown. Msgr. Marion Makarewicz will officiate. Interment will be in Guardian Angels Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Masses.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, November 13, 2008

Karen Marie Neuman, 43, of Waynesville died Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, at Cox Hospital South in Springfield. She was born June 19, 1965, in Lebanon, Penn., to William John and

Miss Neuman was a star basketball player during her junior and senior years of high school. She was a licensed practical nurse and worked in health care.

Surviving her are her grandmother, Eunice Schwein of Richland; four brothers, Michael Neuman and Alex Neuman, both of Crocker, Patrick “Pat” Neuman of Dixon and Rodrick “Rod” Neuman of Iberia; two sisters, Beverly Noblin and Pam Purgess, both of Crocker; and two stepbrothers, Ronnie and Jimmie.

Also preceding her in death were her twin sister, Sharon Louise Neuman on Oct 11, 1966; a brother, Steve Neuman on Feb. 21, 2000; her grandparents, Doyle Holtsman and Fred and Eileen Neuman; and her stepmother, Gladine Neuman in 2008.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Long Funeral Home in Crocker with the Rev. Richard Anderegg of Faith Lutheran Church in St. Robert officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Memorials may be made in care of the family.


Mr. Graham attended a rural school and Eldon High School, from which he graduated as class valedictorian in 1935. He attended the University of Missouri from 1937 until 1941, and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture.

After graduation, he immediately went to Midshipman School at Northwestern University and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve in September 1941. His first duty was at the Naval Torpedo School, Keyport, Wash. After completing the school, he was assigned as Officer in Charge of Field Torpedo Unit in the Aleutian Islands. After 15 months, he was ordered to Washington, D.C., via Keyport, Wash., where he met his future wife. Upon arrival in Washington, D.C. he asked for submarine duty and was ordered to the Submarine School in New London, Conn.

After Submarine School, he was ordered to the Pacific and made three successful cruises aboard the USS Gato (SS-212). He was present on the Gato at the signing of the surrender of the Japanese in Tokyo Bay in August 1945. At the end of the war, he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and decided to make the Navy a career. His next assignment was the USS Diablo (SS-479), based in Panama. After Panama, he was ordered to the USS Runner (SS-175) and then to Command and Staff School at Newport, R.I. Following this, he was assigned to the staff of Commander Amphibious Force-Atlantic. In 1956, he was ordered to the staff of the Naval War College at Newport. In 1959, he was ordered to command Submarine Division 22 in New London. Following this command, he was assigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C. as a Polaris logistics officer.

Returning to sea duty, he was assigned to be the commanding officer of the USS Point Defiance (LSD-31), homeported in Los Angeles, and participated in the war in Vietnam. For this duty he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, with Combat V.

He then was ordered to the staff of the Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet as logistics officer from October 1965 to February 1968. For this duty he was awarded the Legion of Merit. He then went back to the Atlantic as commander of Amphibious Squadron Twelve. His final Navy assignment was Commander, Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, Calif. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 31 years of service.

Surviving are two children, Pam and Bruce; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and two sisters, Nellie and Dean. He was cremated and will be laid to rest beside Ruth at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery at 10 a.m. Dec 12 with full military honors.
Surviving are a son, Billy Joe Scott of Eldon; a daughter, Tia Renee Scott of Eldon; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott Funeral Home of Osage Beach.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, November 2008
Frances Elizabeth Adrian 75 of Mary's Home, Missouri passed away Friday morning November 14, 2008 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born on January 9, 1933 to the late Andrew and Gertrude (Iven) Schwaller in Miller County, Missouri. On July 10, 1954 she was married in Mary's Home, Missouri to Richard Henry Adrian who preceded her in death on July 11, 1981.
She is survived by her Son & Daughter in law Brad & Barb Adrian of Mary's Home, MO; Daughters & Son in law Karen & Mike Harms of Jefferson City, MO; Carla Morris of Mary's Home, MO; twelve Grandchildren: Andy, Joe, & Emily Adrian, Kelly Miller, Katie & Kristen Finley, Jamie, Jeremy, Lucas, Jenny, Brett, & Maggie Morris; three Great Grandchildren: Addison Finley, Macy Morris, Daniel Morris; sisters: Rita Meller of Lohman, MO; and Mary Amos of Oakton, VA
She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter Kelly Ann Adrian, one son in law Jim D. Morris, and one brother Bernard Schwaller, Sr. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church of Mary's Home, MO.
Visitation was Monday, November 17, from 4-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home in Mary’s Home. There was a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, November 18 and interment following in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery in Mary’s Home.

Unknown Publication, June 1935
Richard L. Ramsey, one of south Miller County’s aged and highly respected citizens, passed away at his home four miles west of Brumley, June 16th, at 5:30 p.m., at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 15 days.
Mr. Ramsey retired from active farm duties several years ago, and for the past three or four years his health had been on the decline. During this time his daughter, Mrs. A.T. Graham lived with him and took care of him during his last illness. His wife died about thirteen years ago. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. G.W. Duncan of Iberia, Mrs. A.T. Graham of Brumley and Mrs. Hobert Wall of Tuscmibia; one son, J.F. Ramsey of Kaiser, Mo.; one stepson, Wesley Bilyeu of Sheridan, Wyoming; one stepdaughter, Mrs. John Wallis of Brumley; three brothers, James Ramsey of Newton, Kans., G.M. Ramsey of Iberia and F.S. Ramsey of Crocker besides a host of other relatives.
Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the New Hope Baptist Church near Brumley of which he was a member, after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place under direction of the Eldon Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, July 1935
Mrs. Lydia C. Stillwell, wife of Judge Walter S. Stillwell of Tuscumbia suffered a serious attack of illness at her home early on Wednesday morning of last week. She was at once taken to ST. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City for an examination and treatment, but passed away on the following day, Thursday, July 18.
Lydia C. Fendorf was born in Miller County, Missouri, September 25 1883. She passed on at St. Mary’s Hospital, Jefferson City, Missouri, July 18, 1935, aged 51 years, 9 months and 23 days. She was the daughter of Frank W. Fendorf (now deceased) and Mary Isabelle Fendorf, who survives her.
On April 25, 1905, she was united in marriage to Walter S. Stillwell, at her home in Tuscumbia. To this union five children were born, four of them surviving, namely: Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. Raymond A. Hagener of Jefferson City, Robert M. of Lakeside and Roger W. and Mildred, at home. One daughter, Marjorie, died in infancy. She is also survived by one grandchild, Carol Marie Stillwell.

Besides her mother, she is also survived by three brothers and two sisters: C.E. Fendorf and R.M. Fendorf of Tuscumbia, Frank E. Fendorf of Eldon, Mrs. C.B. Kouns, of Walnut Creek, California, and Mrs. H. M. Swanson of Tuscumbia. One brother, Fred Fendorf, preceded her in death, as also one sister, Bertha.

She was converted in early life, and united with the Tuscumbia Presbyterian Church, in which faith she lived a consistent Christian life until her death.

Mrs. Stillwell was a semi-invalid for the past fifteen years or more. During this time she has been a patient and uncomplaining sufferer, but through it all she was a devoted wife and mother. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday at 3:00 p.m. in charge of Rev. C. Smutz pastor of the Presbyterian Church, after which her tired body was placed to rest in the family lot located in the Tuscumbia Cemetery. Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon provided the service.

Unknown Publication, July 1935

Joseph Jasper Cooper was born in Green County, Indiana December 22, 1959. Departed this life July 15, 1935 (Tulsa, Oklahoma), at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 24 days. He was the son of J.T. and Rebecca Cooper.

At the age of 7 years he came with his parents to Miller County, Mo., where he spent his boyhood days. He lived at Iberia, Miller County, Mo., until 1910. During this time he was engaged in farming for the most part, the latter two years he operated a hotel at Iberia, Mo. He moved to Oklahoma, first locating at Oglesby. Later he bought property in Lenapah, Okla., where he engaged in the mercantile business for several years. Here he and his family resided until about three years ago when he sold out and retired. His dear companion was called away on April 20, 1932. She was the daughter of John Smith of Iberia, Mo.

He leaves to mourn his loss six children, Anna, Bernice, Carl, Dewey and Eunice of Tulsa, Okla., and Freda of Portland, Ore., also one sister out of a family of ten, namely, Mrs. Herod Williams of Iberia, Mo.; six sisters and two brothers having preceded him in death. Besides these he leaves to mourn his departure a host of friends and relatives throughout Missouri and Oklahoma.

He united with the Christian Church at Hickory Point, Mo., in 1907 and lived a true and faithful Christian throughout his life. He was a member of the Nowata, Okla. Christian Church at the time of his death.

He was laid to rest Saturday, July 20th besides his wife in Memorial Park at Nowata, Okla. “Jap” as he was known among his friends, was a well respected and law abiding citizen, a successful farmer and business man. He was honest in his dealings, true and faithful to his friends and leaves behind him the memory of a life well spent.

Unknown Publication, February 1936

Nelson R. Wickham died at his home near St. Elizabeth, Missouri February the 14, 1936. He was born in Pennsylvania March 25, 1848.

Mr. Wickham was united in marriage to A. Boyd, niece of Green Boyd, and to this union three children were born, William Wickham, Mrs. John Boyd and Mrs. J. Ahart. He was married the second time to Manzilla Grosvenor, and to this union six children were born, Edward, John, Belvia, George, Ilda and Claude.

He was a Civil War veteran and a member of the G.A.R. He served as a private in Co. G. 16th Regiment, Kansas Volunteers.
Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Otto Shearrer of Iberia and held at the home Sunday, February 16. The American Legion Post of Iberia conducted the military services at the grave. The body was then laid to rest in the family cemetery near the home under direction of Adams & Casey, local funeral directors.

Unknown Publication, March 1936

William Hasten Burks, an aged citizen of the Mt. Zion community, passed away last Saturday, March 14th after an attack of pneumonia. He was 75 years, one month and 16 days old at the time of his death.

Mr. Burks was born in the state of Tennessee January 29, 1861 and came to Missouri with his parents, William and Larva Burks, when only nine years of age. He was married to Miss Mary Agnes Agnew November 13, 1884, and to this union thirteen children were born, three of whom preceded him in death several years ago.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. P.J. Eckhoff, pastor of the Iberia Congregational Church, were held from the Mt. Zion Church near the County Home, Monday, after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, April 1936

Mrs. James Hicks, (Rachel Lou Dake) who had been a sufferer of tuberculosis for the past four years or more, died last Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Jarrett, where she had been making her home for some time. She was sixty years of age.

Mrs. Hicks is survived by her husband; two daughters—Mrs. Chas. Jarrett of near Iberia and Mrs. C.W. Sooter now of Ceres Calif., two sons having died when quite young; three brothers, William, Andy and Grover Dake, all of near St. Anthony, and one sister, Mrs. Ed Shelton of Iberia.

Brief Funeral services consisting of scripture reading by Chas. Jarrett, prayers by Rev. Otto Shearrer and Harry Patterson, and a talk by Roy Holleyfield, were held at the Jarrett Cemetery Tuesday, after which interment was made at the same place.

Mrs. Hicks was a member of the Pentecostal Church at Iberia, and was a woman of deep religious convictions. She was a loyal worker in the church as long as she was able to attend.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1935

Mathias Meredith, a long time resident of Iberia and one of Miller County’s best and most highly respected citizens, passed away at his home here Monday morning at 11:20 o’clock of a heart attack thought to have been caused by the development of a blood clot in an artery leading to the heart. He was a son of Daniel M. and Frances Meredith.

On Saturday afternoon, June 22 while painting The Sentinel office Building, Mr. Meredith accidentally fell from a ladder on which he was working and sustained severe injuries about the lower extremities of his back and other parts of the body. From the time of the accident until his death he suffered severely, however, he apparently seemed to be feeling some better last Sunday and was able to turn over in bed, but Sunday night about midnight the above mentioned trouble developed from which he gradually grew worse until the end.

Mr. Meredith was a carpenter and painter by trade and for many years has been actively engaged in this occupation here in Iberia and vicinity. He was born October 29, 1866 and died July 1, 1935, being at the time of his death 68 years, 8 months and two days old.

He was married to Miss Maggie A. Stone October 17, 1884, and to this union three children were born, one having died in infancy. The two living children from his first marriage are James Meredith of Dixon, Mo., and Mrs. Stella Reich of Kansas City, Kans. Mrs. Meredith died Nov. 24, 1896. His second marriage was to Martha P. Durham and to this union three children were born, Ray Meredith of Jefferson City and Mrs. Fern Toupin of West Plaines, Mo.,
one child having died in infancy. He is also survived by one brother, Robert Meredith of near Iberia, and three sisters, Mrs. John Shelton of near Brumley, Mrs. James Sanders of Columbus, Kan. And Mrs. James Carleton of St. Louis, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. John Phillips of Iberia were held from the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o’clock in the presence of a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, after which interment was made in the town cemetery under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service.

Mr. Meredith united with the Baptist Church when about 30 years of age and from that time on was a devoted member, never ceasing to be active in the various church activities. He was a man who believed in a clean life, was a devoted husband and father and an exemplary citizen and neighbor. His life as lived among us is highly worthy of emulation. He was a member of the Iberia M.W.A. Camp.

Unknown Publication, August 1935

Clarence Livingston, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Livingston, was born near Hickory Point Church, in Miller County, Missouri September 20, 1910 and departed this life at Fort Peck Dam in Valley County, Montana, August 3, 1935. Age at the time of his passing was 24 years, 10 months and 13 days.

He was converted and joined the Hickory Point Baptist Church August 1927, where he remained a member until death.

Clarence, as he was commonly known by the many who knew him, was one of those unusual fine spirited young men, always cheerful about the home, industrious and helpful, and was always willing to share with others, the burdens as well as the blessings of life.

He was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Cross Nov. 13, 1934 in Glas-Gow, Montana where they lived happily together until August 3, when the accident happened that claimed his life. He leaves to mourn his passing, besides his companion, a father and mother, two sisters, Maud and Genevieve and one brother, Leo, all of Iberia, Mo., two brothers preceding him in death, besides these, a host of other relatives and friends. But while our hearts are broken and we are so deeply grieved let us remember that our loss is his eternal gain. So we say good-by until we meet again.

After death the body was taken in charge by the Chas. W. Pelerson Undertaking Co. who prepared it for shipment to Iberia.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W.H. Zuwalt after which the body was quietly laid to rest in the Hickory Point Cemetery to await the Resurrection. Funeral services were under the direction of the Adams & Casey undertaking Co., Iberia, Mo.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1935

Again death has invaded another home in our little city and claimed an aged lady in the person of Mrs. John Lilly. For a number of months prior to her fatal illness she had been in poor health and when flu and pneumonia developed her physical condition was not strong enough to resist the attack. Mrs. Lilly was a well known woman of Iberia and vicinity and leaves a host of friends and relatives who mourn her passing.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. John Phillips, pastor of the Iberia Baptist Church, were held from the Iberia Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o’clock after which interment was made in the town cemetery.

Lucy Blankenship was born July 29, 1861; died at her home in Iberia March 1, 1935 at the age of 73 years and 7 months. On December 29, 1877 she was married to John Lilly and to this union four children were born, Elsie, Lonnie, Oscar and Ray. She also leaves to mourn her passing one sister, Catherine Wall; one half-brother, Jesse Long; 17 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She united with the Iberia Christian Church about 50 years ago.
Harold Dalton, 80 died on November 14, 2008 at his home in Eldon, Missouri. On April 4, 1928 he was born in Denison, Texas to the late Cecil Ferris and Leila (Bond) Dalton. On October 23, 1950 he was married in Denison, Texas to Berniece (Miller) Dalton who survives of the home.

He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He was employed as a claim representative for the Social Security Administration for thirty years before his retirement.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Denise & Bill McGonigle of Eldon, Missouri, son Steve Dalton of Fortworth, Texas, and sister-in-law Bessie Dalton of Denison, Texas. His parents and three brothers preceded him in death.

The visitation will be Tuesday, November 18 from 1-2 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, with funeral services to follow. Interment with full military honors will be November 19, 2008 at 1:00 pm. at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri

Mark Douglas Wright, 57, of Eldon, Missouri died Tuesday November 18, 2008 at is home. He was born on May 9, 1951, in Eldon, Missouri to Harold Raymond and Helen Marie (Bond) Wright. He was formally married to Kimberly Sue (Stroder) in Eldon, Missouri.

Mr. Wright was a 1969 graduate of Eldon High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan in 1973 & 1974, during the Vietnam War. He was employed for the city of Plano, Texas as a technician. He then moved to Eldon, Missouri and was employed with Cargill in California, Missouri until 2002.

He is survived by his father, Harold Wright of Eldon, Missouri; a son, Matthew D. Wright & Wife Renea of Eldon, Missouri; his brothers, Bill Wright & Wife Sandy & Family of Eldon, Missouri; Dennis Wright of Eldon, Missouri, Larry Wright & Family of Rocky Mount, Missouri; Sherry Startzman & Husband Tom & Family of Eldon, Missouri; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins locally.

He was preceded in death by his Mother, Helen Wright, and Sister Lynda Burton. Mr. Wright has been cremated and services will be held at a later date. Interment will be at Allen Cemetery in Olean, Missouri. Memorials my be given In Care of the Family

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1935

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Wall of the Hickory Point community west of Iberia was saddened last Sunday morning when death claimed their ten-year-old son, Clate Ellis. The little fellow took seriously ill only a few days before and attending physicians pronounced his case as cerebrospinal meningitis.

Clate Ellis was born December 8, 1924; died March 10, 1935, being at the time of his death, 10 years, three months and two days old.

He leaves to mourn his passing, mother, father, two brothers—Kennith and Gerald; four sisters—Glennis, Phyllis, Geraldine and Loeta, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Adams & Casey, Iberia funeral directors had charge of the funeral and burial services. Intement was made in the Hickory Point Cemetery Tuesday morning and brief services conducted by a few intimate friends of the family were held at the grave.

The entire community is grieved over the untimely death of such a bright youth and extends deep sympathy to the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1935

John E. Dickerson, another one of the comparatively few remaining Civil War veterans, died at his home here in Iberia Monday night, April 15, at 11:05 o’clock, lacking only 55 minutes reaching his 90th birthday. For a number of months prior to his death he had been afflicted with a kidney trouble and death came as the only relief.
Mr. Dickerson was born in Tennessee April 16, 1845; died April 15, 1935, being at the
time of his death 90 years of age, lacking 55 minutes. He came to Miller County with his parents
when about three years of age, locating on a farm east of Iberia, now known as the old Dickerson
farm. For the past 31 years he has resided in Iberia. Mr. Dickerson was married to Miss Rebecca
Jane Phillips and to this union seven children were born, namely: Luther, Wes, Harris and
Maggie Dickerson, all of Iberia; Mrs. Henry Newton of Eldorado, Kans., and Walter Dickerson
of St. Louis, one son having died in infancy. His wife died 31 years ago.

Mr. Dickerson was a good citizen, highly esteemed by his many friends and neighbors.
When a young man he answered the call of his country, to battle for the preservation of the
Union, enlisting in Co. E., 48th Mo. Cav. He united with the Methodist Church many years ago
and lived a consistent Christian life.

Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral services this afternoon (Wednesday) at
the home to be conducted by the Rev. John Phillips, pastor of the local Baptist Church, after
which burial will be made by the side of his departed companion in the Billingsly Cemetery east
of Iberia, under direction of the Adams & Casey undertaking service.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1934

Rhoda Ann Lee was born Feb. 26 1856, in the state of Tennessee. She came to Missouri
with her parents when a child.

She was married to Joel Atwell January 16, 1871. To this union ten children were born,
namely: Charley Atwell, Hancock, Mo.; Mrs. Charley Thomas, Iberia, Mo.; Mrs. D.M. Tyler,
Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Clide Humphrey, Hancock, Mo.; Loren Atwell, Iberia, Mo.; Miss Mattie
Atwell, Iberia, Mo.; Jennings Atwell, Hancock, Mo.; two children having passed away in infancy.

She united with the Christian (New Light) Church several years ago and remained a
faithful member till death.

Born February 26, 1856, died July 6, 1934, being 78 years, 5 months and 8 days old. She
was a loving mother, a devoted wife and a faithful friend.

She leaves to mourn her passing eight children, thirty grandchildren, one sister, two half
brothers and a host of friends. Her husband, Joel Atwell, preceded her in death two years ago last
April 9th.

Her favorite song, “I Must Tell Jesus All of My Troubles” she requested to be sung at her
funeral, also “In the Sweet Bye and Bye” and “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

Funeral services were conducted at the Atwell Church by W.M. Sooter, Jr. Scripture
reading a part of 31st chapter Proverbs. Sister Atwell was a faithful Christian. She will be greatly
missed in the home and community.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1934

Lulu Belle Madden was born in Miller County, Mo., June 16, 1883. In early youth she
was converted and united with the Madden Methodist Church. She was married to John B. Elder
August 13, 1902. To this union nine children were born, two of which preceded her in death.
The family moved to Kansas City in 1913, where they have resided ever since. She was a faithful
wife and mother, and truly devoted to her home. Her concern was for the welfare of her children.
She loved the Lord and just before her operation testified to having the victory (?).

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, John B. Elder, and seven children, Harry C.
Elder, Mrs. Alice Blanche Lambert, Mrs. Myrtle Opal Hill, Mrs. Melvia Irene Cook, James Roy
Elder, Mrs. Cora Mae Andrew and Viola Louise Elder, all of Kansas City. Also her mother, Mrs.
Alice Woolery, of Iberia, three sisters, Mrs. Geo. Teaverbaugh and Mrs. Gordon Groves of Iberia
and Mrs. Clara Large of Kansas City; five brothers, Clarence Madden, Everett Madden, Edward
Madden, Elda Woolery and John Woolery, all of Iberia, six grandchildren and a host of friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elder were held from the Gates Chapel, State Line at 41st. St, in
Kansas City Thursday afternoon, Oct. 4, at 2 o’clock. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery.
The Iberia Sentinel, July 1934

Mr. and Mrs. John Pemberton of this place received the sad news Monday afternoon announcing the death of their daughter, Mrs. Chester Sanders and her infant babe born only a short time before. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, since their marriage a few years ago, have resided on a farm near Paris, Mo. Mrs. Sanders was taken to a hospital in Moberly, Mo., a week or so ago to be under the care of special physicians and it was there she departed this life together with her infant.

Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton, of this place, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. K.L. Burdon of St. Louis, left here Monday night to attend the funeral, which we understand took place at the Sanders home near Paris Wednesday afternoon at 1 o’clock.

Mrs. Sanders (nee Gladys Pemberton) is survived by her husband, parents and three sisters, namely: Mrs. K.L. Burdon of St. Louis, and Mrs. Norah Law and Mrs. Opal Davis of El Centro, Calif. The latter two sisters were unable to attend the funeral, but we are informed that they will arrive here latter part of the week.

The entire community joins in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved husband, parents and sisters in their hour of sorrow.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1936

Mrs. Frances Karr, wife of Elmer Karr, of five miles west of Iberia, died at the Lebanon hospital Saturday soon after giving birth to twin girls. Both babies died a short time before their mother passed away. She was about 38 years old.

Mrs. Karr was Miss Frances Kinder before her marriage to Mr. Karr. She was born and reared in Illinois and their marriage was the culmination of a courtship during the time both attended Iberia Academy.

Besides the husband, Mrs. Karr leaves four children to mourn her departure.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday by Rev. P.J. Eckhoff, pastor of the Iberia Congregational Church assisted by Dr. G. Byron Smith, president of Iberia Junior College. Death certificate is filed under Karr F. Kinder

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1928

Delmar Workman was born Dec 8 1906, and died April 21, 1928, following a brief illness of pneumonia and flu. His age was 21 years, 4 months and 13 days.

He leaves to mourn his untimely death a mother, Mrs. S.E. Workman, four sisters, Mabel Workman, Mrs. Bert Koon of Colorado, Joe Ann and Ethel Spearman, and four brothers, Armel and James Workman, and Oscar and Edgar Spearman. His father departed this life about 17 years ago.

Besides these there are many other relatives and friends who mourn the early closing of Delmar’s life. He graduated from the Iberia Academy one year ago, and when this last illness came was giving his time to the work of the farm. He will be sadly missed by those who knew him best and loved him most. And they may be assured of the loving sympathy of all their neighbors and friends at this time of bereavement. And a loving Heavenly Father will not leave them comfortless.

The funeral services were held from the home Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. E.H. Pontius and the body was laid to rest in the Wright Cemetery. Delmar was a member of the Iberia M.W.A. Camp.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1930

James Barlow, one of our aged and well known citizens, died on Wednesday evening, March 26, 1930, at his home west of Iberia. The end came rather suddenly, he having been in as good health as common a short time before his death.
He was born June 9, 1853, being 76 years, 9 months and 17 days old at the time of his death. On March 6, 1871, he was united in marriage to Margaret Sortors and to this union nine children were born, five sons and four daughters, one daughter having died in infancy. His wife preceded him to the Great Beyond several years ago. The surviving children are Mrs. A.M. Goforth of Waynesville, Mrs. Chas. Bond, Mrs. Perry Bond, Tom, Jet and Andy of Iberia, and John and Dave of Crocker.

Mr. Barlow spent his entire life around Iberia, living at the home where he died for 46 years. He was a hard worker, a good neighbor and a friend to everybody.

Funeral services were held at Hickory Point, Thursday afternoon at 2 o’clock, conducted by Rev. E.G. Giggy, pastor of the Iberia Methodist Church. Interment was made in the cemetery at that place under direction of Adams & Casey local undertakers.

**The Iberia Sentinel, August 1934**

Little Billy LeRoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arkley Hensley, passed away Tuesday morning, August 7, at 1 o’clock at the Lebanon Hospital where he was taken for an operation. Baby Billy was born March 14, 1934 and passed away Aug 7, 1934, being 4 months and 23 days of age.

He leaves to mourn his going his father, mother, two brothers, three sisters, namely: Velmore, Gerald, Jeanette, Barbara and Ruby Glee, also grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hensley and Mr. and Mrs. Jonnie Clark and other relatives.

**The Iberia Sentinel, June 1934**

William M. Berry, twin brother of J.D. Berry east of Iberia and grandfather of County Clerk G.A. Berry, of Tuscumbia, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M.E. Rowden of near Myerstown in Maries County on Monday of last week. He was born in Maries County and lived there practically all his life. At the time of his death he was 85 years, 5 months and 10 days old.

He is survived by three children—Mrs. J.S. Healey, Mrs. M.E. Rowden and Fred Berry; the twin brother, James D. Berry; twenty-four grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren; a half sister, Miss Bet. Berry, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Intement was made in the Tavern Cemetery, near the place where he made his home the greater portion of his life.

Death certificate and census records show he was born in Osage County, Missouri.

**The Iberia Sentinel, June 1934**

Mrs. Alice Moore, widow of the late Dr. J.H. Moore of this place, died at the Baptist Hospital in St. Louis last Friday from the effects of a fractured hip which she suffered in a fall about six weeks ago. Her body was brought back to Iberia for burial.

Since the death of her husband in 1920, she has been making her home in St. Louis and Eureka, Mo., with her son-in-law and Daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Garner. For many years prior to their moving to St. Louis, Dr. and Mrs. Moore resided in Iberia, where he practiced his profession. Dr. and Mrs. Moore were numbered among Iberia’s best and most widely known citizens and when it was learned here that Mrs. Moore had passed away a general sorrow was manifested by her many friends.

Alice Catherine Fancher was born in Windham, New York April 17, 1853. When a young child, before the Civil War, she came with her parents to Missouri making their home near Tuscumbia and later moved to Tuscumbia. On April 30, 1871, she was united in marriage to Dr. J.H. Moore and they made their home in Iberia where they spent their active life. To this union two children were born, Harry L. Moore, who died in infancy, and Estella. While living in Iberia Dr. and Mrs. Moore became charter members of the Congregational Church which was organized in the year of 1872.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore in their later life moved to St. Louis where Mr. Moore died in the year 1920. Mrs. Moore survived her husband until June 29, 1934, being at the time of her
deceased eighty-one years of age. The remains were brought to Iberia in the Adams & Casey funeral coach and were laid to rest beside her husband. Funeral services were conducted at the Iberia Congregational Church Sunday afternoon, July 1st with Prof. G. Byron Smith of the Junior College in charge.

Mrs. Moore leaves to mourn her departure her daughter Estella Garner and her husband Hugh M. Garner, one grandson and one great-granddaughter, and one sister and brother and other relatives.

Iberia Sentinel, Jul 1934

“Uncle” Isaac A. Sloan, one of the aged pioneers of east Miller County, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Johnny Thompson, in the Alder Springs neighborhood, on Monday of this week, at the age of over 94 years. He was a highly honored citizen and during his life performed a valuable service for the good of his community. For the past few years he had grown very feeble and at various times remarked that he was anxious and ready to pass on to his reward.

The funeral discourse was preached by Rev. Virgil Smith of Brumley at the Union Church near Brays, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o’clock. Burial was in the cemetery at that place with the American Legion Post of Iberia in charge.

Isaac Alexander Sloan, son of Thomas S. and Margaret C. Sloan (deceased), was born in Butler County, Kentucky April 25, 1840, and died July 9, 1934, being at the time of his death 94 years, 2 months and 14 days old.

He was united in marriage November 4, 1860 to Sarah J. Jones (who preceded him in death 5 years ago) and to this union was born 10 children of whom all are living, except one son, J.H. Sloan, who passed away March 23 of this year, and one daughter, Mrs. Nancy Tyler, who passed away about 40 years ago. Those living are W.T. Sloan, age 70 of Springfield, Mo.; J.M. Sloan, age 68, of Arlington, Mo.; R.M. Sloan, age 64, of near Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. Rosa Thompson, age 60 of Dixon R. 4; C.M. Sloan, age 54 of Hancock R. 1; H.B. Sloan, age 50 of Hancock, R1; and O.E. Sloan, age 48 of Dixon, Mo.

He united with the Christian Church at about the age of 20 years and began his work as a minister at the age of 50 years, and remained in the service of his Lord for about 35 years.

He leaves to mourn his passing besides his children, 35 grandchildren, 108 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren besides a host of other relatives and friends.

He served the state Militia for about 2 years during the Civil War. He was a man honored and respected by all. –written by a granddaughter, Mildred I. Sloan

The Miller County Autogram, August 1934

The death of Mr. George Whitaker, who passed away in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City, Ill., Friday morning, April 6, at 10 o’clock, again casts a gloom of sorrow over his many friends and relatives, whom he has known for many years.

Mr. Whitaker’s illness was of a short duration. He had been I good health all of his life, until he developed pneumonia fever on Monday, while visiting in Granite City. Wednesday night he was rushed to St. Elizabeth Hospital for special treatment; realizing that he was in serious condition, relatives telegraphed his wife who was at home and she came immediately and was at his bedside at the time of his death, which came Friday morning.

He was brought back to his home in the eastern part of Miller County in the Adams & Casey ambulance Saturday.

Mr. Whitaker was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Whitaker; was born August 5, 1883 and departed this life April 6, 1934, being at the time of his death 50 years, 8 months and 1 day old. He was married to Miss Hilda V. Bilyeu September 28, 1909.
Besides his wife he leaves to mourn his death one sister, Mrs. Jennie Rowden, of Dixon, Mo.; one brother, Mr. Tom Whitaker of Rolla, Mo. and a host of other relatives and friends, his brother, mother and three sisters having preceded him in death.

He was united with the Christian (New Light) Church about 25 years ago in which he remained a member until his death.

Sunday morning he was taken to the Bilyeu Cemetery, on Humphrey’s Creek near Capps, where the regular funeral services were conducted by Rev. C.M. Sooter. He was then laid to rest in the Bilyeu Cemetery, burial arrangements being in charge of Adams and Casey, Iberia undertakers.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1936

Frank C. Ferguson and Clarence L. Casey of this place motored to Kansas City last Friday night, where they attended the double funeral services of the former’s nephew, pilot Otto Ferguson, and co-pilot Harry G. Lewis, both killed in an airliner crash in Pennsylvania Tuesday of last week.

The combined rites were held in the Stine & McClure chapel Saturday morning in the presence of a large concourse of people. The main and auxiliary chapels were crowded with TWA pilots, members of the air corps reserve, relatives and friends of the two pilots when the Rev. Goodrich R. Fenner, rector of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church, took his place beside the flag-draped caskets. A huge bank of flowers covered the entire rear chapel wall.

Mr. Fenner spoke the plain ritual service of the Episcopal Church without eulogy or sermon. Both Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Lewis are connected with the St. Andrews Episcopal Church. The pallbearers were TWA pilots, members of the army corps reserve and other close friends of the two men.

Immediately after the funeral services the body of Mr. Ferguson was taken to Versailles for burial and that of Mr. Lewis to Columbus, Kansas.

When the body of pilot Ferguson arrived at Versailles a large crowd had gathered at the cemetery to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed airman. Brief final rites were held at the grave at three o’clock in the afternoon while two U.S. Army planes droned overhead. In their last salute to the dead pilot, the flyers dropped floral wreaths on the grave.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1935

Death again invades the community north of Iberia and takes from an old established home an aged woman, wife of John P. Wilson, one of our most highly respected citizens. Mrs. Wilson had been afflicted with erysipelas and other complications for the past few years and death came to her Thursday, Dec. 26, as the only relief.

 Rachel C. Ponder was born April 3, 1861; died Dec. 26, 1935, age 74 years, 8 months and 23 days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wenslow Ponder and was born near Iberia, Mo., where she lived until her death.

She was married October 3, 1877, to John P. Wilson, and to this union nine children were born, seven boys and two daughters. Three sons died when quite young. The surviving sons are Everett G. Wilson, James P. Wilson, Frank R. Wilson and Oscar E. Wilson, all of Iberia, Mo.; daughters, Mrs. Laura Fancher and Mrs. Queen Grady, also of Iberia. She also leaves to mourn her passing an aged husband, 36 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Years ago Mrs. Wilson was converted, baptized and united with the Christian Church at Iberia. She lived a consistent Christian life worthy of emulation. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, and a faithful neighbor and friend to all.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. John Phillips of Iberia, were held from the Iberia Christian Church Friday, Dec. 27, at 1:30 p.m., after which burial was made in the Livingston Cemetery northwest of Iberia. Adams & Casey, local undertakers, had charge of the services.
The Iberia Sentinel, April 1936

This community was again saddened Monday when news came that Mrs. Ella Wyrick, widow of the late George W. Wyrick, had passed away at her home on Doc Creek, three miles south of Tuscumbia. Mrs. Wyrick had been in poor health for years, but her condition did not become serious until Thursday before her death, and she passed away at 11 p.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Wyrick was a daughter of Joseph and Mary Johnson and was born in Osage County March 21, 1865. She was the last surviving member of the family.

In 1885 she was united in marriage to George W. Wyrick, who preceded her in death a few years ago. For the past 25 or 30 years they have resided on the Michael Wyrick place and at the time of her death her son and grandson, Norman and Clopha, were living with her.

Mrs Wyrick is survived by nine children, 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The children are as follows: Clyde of near Ulman; Mrs. Eura Martin, Ora, Minzo and Norman of near Tuscumbia; Owen and Mrs. Marjorie Colvin of near Eldon; Mrs. Chloe Phillips of near Brumley; and Glenn of Kansas City.

Mrs. Wyrick was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Newlight Church and funeral services were conducted there at 11 a.m. Tuesday, by Rev. V.M. Smith of Brumley, with burial in the church cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, September 1936

Funeral services for Mrs. John W. Adcock, who died at Eldon Tuesday morning of last week, were conducted at the Eldon Christian Church at 2:00 p.m. Thursday by the pastor, Rev. A.L. Alexander; then a brief service was held at the Tuscumbia Christian Church at 3:30 and burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery with the Phillips Funeral Home in charge of funeral arrangements.

Ida Mae Thomson, daughter of Daniel Frazer and Catherine Melton Thomson, was born in Miller County January 12, 1873. She was married to John William Adcock May 28, 1899, by the Rev. G.L. Thompson. To this union three children were born, Mrs. Ray Dunnaway of Eldon, John F. Adcock of Eldon and Helen Adcock, who preceded her mother in death March 19, 1919.

Mrs. Adcock united with the Christian Church at Spring Garden early in life and was baptized by her uncle, the Rev. J.H.D. Thompson. She later transferred her membership to the Tuscumbia Christian Church and on moving to Eldon she and Mr. Adcock united with the First Christian Church.

Besides the husband and two children, Mrs. Adcock is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. George G. Sullivan of St. Louis, Mrs. J.M. Kallanbach of Jefferson City and Dr. T.F. Thomson of Tuscumbia.

Mrs. Adcock was a good woman who stood high in the estimation of her associates and those who knew her best. She was a devoted wife and mother, careful of her influence and a neighbor whose character and friendship was always dependable. Because of the fact that her father was prominent in newspaper and political work she became well known in the county and made many friends long before she came to Eldon where she has been active in church work.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1936

Bobbie Lee Clark, nine-year-old son of Mrs. Virgie Kinworthy of St. Louis, died at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning of this week here at the home of his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green, with whom he had been making his home.

He took seriously ill Tuesday morning about the same hour of his death Wednesday morning. The cause of his death was pronounced cerebral meningitis.

Funeral services according to present arrangements will be held at the home this Thursday morning at 10 o’clock after which interment will be made in the Iberia Cemetery, under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.
The Rolla Daily News - Wednesday, November 18, 1953

James H. Wilson, retired railroad employee and a resident of Newburg for 40 years, died at his home in Newburg late yesterday. He was 92 years old.

A native of Miller County, MO, Mr. Wilson came to Newburg nearly a half-century ago and had made his home there ever since. He retired from the Frisco Railroad several years ago.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Lillie Hoss, Mrs. Edith Huskey and Mrs. Rose Tinnell; five sons, Dave, Perry, Elmer, Glen and Jack Wilson; and two step-daughters, Mrs. Edna Shelton and Mrs. Cora Farlis.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at the Christian Church in Newburg with the Rev. Fred Barber the officiating minister. Burial will be in the Newburg Cemetery under the direction of the Lee Johnson Funeral Home.

Rolla Daily News, January 31, 1964

Mrs. Rose Belle Tinnell died at her home in St. Louis yesterday at the age of 59.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Christian Church in Newburg, with the Rev. Carlton Hastings officiating. Interment will be in the Newburg cemetery, under the direction of the Lee Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, William Tinnell; one daughter, Mrs. Archie Bowen of St. Louis; four sisters, Edna Shelton, Joplin, Cora Farlis, Curryville, Lillie Hoss and Edith Huskey, Newburg; five brothers, Dave and Perry Wilson of Newburg, Elmer Wilson of Springfield, Glen Wilson of St. Louis, and Earl Wilson of Valley Park; and three grandchildren.

Rolla Daily News, October 4, 1978

Lillie Mae Hoss, Newburg, died yesterday, Oct. 3, 1978, at Phelps County Hospital. She was 72.

She is survived by seven sons, William Jr., Paul, Roy, John Dee, Charles, Jim and Larry, all of Newburg; eight grandchildren, one great-grandson; a sister Edith Huskey, of Newburg; three brothers, Perry and Dave Wilson of Newburg and Jack Wilson of Valley Park.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Newburg, with the Rev. Marion Alexander and Rev. Wilson Davis officiating. Burial will be in the Newburg Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel from 7-9 p.m. tonight.

Rolla Daily News, January 27, 1966

William Henry Hoss, 65, died at his home in Newburg yesterday. Survivors include the widow, Lil, of the home; seven sons, Bill, Paul, Roy, John D., Charley, Jim and Larry, all of Newburg; six grandchildren; and a brother Earl; also of Newburg.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Lee Johnson Funeral Home Chapel, where the body will lie in state after 7 o'clock this evening. The Rev. Wilson Davis will officiate, and burial will be in the Newburg Cemetery. Pallbearers will be George Huskey, Obe Willis, Ralph Hance, Homer Guffey, Ellis Grayson, and Clarence Decker.

Rolla Daily News, October 12, 1979

Perry Wilson, lifelong resident of Newburg, died yesterday, Oct. 11, 1979, at Phelps County Memorial Hospital. He was 68.

He is survived by his wife May, of Newburg; a son, Bill Miller of St. Louis; a daughter, Sally Yelton of Jefferson City; a brother, Jack Wilson of Valley Park; a sister, Edith Huskey of Newburg and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Johnson Funeral Chapel in Newburg with the Reverend Marion Alexander officiating. Burial will be in the Newburg Cemetery.

Emma Edith Huskey, Newburg, died at the Phelps County Regional Medical Center Saturday, Dec. 12, 1981. She was 66.

Mrs. Huskey was a longtime resident of Newburg. Survivors include her son, Robert Huskey of St. Charles; a brother, Earl Wilson of Valley Park; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel of Newburg at 2 p.m. tomorrow with Marion Alexander officiating. Burial will be in the Newburg Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel between 7 and 9 p.m. today.

The Rolla Daily News, September 27, 1981

George S. Huskey, Newburg, died Friday, Sept. 25, 1981. He was 82. He is survived by his wife Edith, of the home; a son, Robert George Huskey of St. Charles, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Johnson Funeral Home chapel at 1 p.m today with the Reverend Marion Alexander officiating. Burial will be in the Newburg Cemetery.

Rolla Daily News, May 14, 1977

Glenn L. Wilson, Newburg, died early Saturday, May 14, 1977, in St. Louis after a long illness. He was 59.

Mr. Wilson was a brakeman for the Frisco railroad. He also was a Mason, a member of the Equality Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Newburg.

Survivors include his widow, Antoinette; three brothers, Dave and Perry, Newburg, and Earl, Valley Park; and two sisters, Edith Huskey and Lillie Hoss, Newburg.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 16, at the Newburg Christian Church, with Rev. Marion Alexander officiating. Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at the Johnson Funeral Home in Newburg. Masonic services will be at 7 p.m.

Rolla Daily News - May 15, 1979

David Nathan Wilson, Newburg, died at his home Monday, May 14, 1979. He was 79.

He is survived by four daughters, Peal Hays and Davene Guyton, both of Newburg; Faye Thomsen Brimley, Michigan; Joan Carson, Rolla; a son Paul Pete Wilson, Newburg; 15 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Perry Wilson, Newburg, and Jack Wilson, Valley Park; and a sister Edith Huskey, Newburg.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Newburg with the Reverend Wilson Davis officiating. Burial will be in Newburg Cemetery. Masonic services will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel. Visitors may call at the chapel after 2 p.m. today.

The Iberia Sentinel, September 1936

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Martha Ann Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was formerly from around Iberia, but for the past twenty years lived in Newburg. Mrs. Wilson was born March 1st, 1882, departed this life Sep. 24, 1936, being at the time of her death 54 years and 6 months of age. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Smith.

In her early life she was united in marriage to Jim Henry Wilson. To this union thirteen children were born. Her father, mother, seven sisters and four children preceded her in death.

There are left to mourn her departing her husband and nine children who are Mrs. Edna Shelton of Joplin, Mrs. Cora Forbis, Mrs. Edith Husky and Glenn of St. Louis, Mrs. Rose Tinnel, Mrs. Lillie Hass, Perry, Elmer and Jack, all of Newburg. Her two sisters, Mrs. Ruah Malmberg and Mrs. Jemima Slawson also survive. There are a host of grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

She was a devoted wife and mother and all who knew her loved her. She united with the Christian Church a number of years ago and has lived a Christian life ever since.
The pastor of the Christian Church spoke words of tenderness to the many sorrowing ones who gathered together to pay their last respects to their loved one. The departed suffered from sugar diabetes and death claimed her at the Desloges Hospital in St. Louis where she had hopes of regaining her failing health. But it seemed that God was calling her home and she died with a smile on her lips, saying she was ready to go. The bereaved ones have our deepest regrets and sympathy.

Her body was laid to rest in Newburg Cemetery. Johnston undertakers had charge of the funeral.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, November 2008

Ethel Bilyeu, 95, passed away Sunday evening November 23, 2008 at her home in Independence, Missouri. On September 24, 1913, she was born in Pomona, Oklahoma. On June 11, 1932 she was married to Freeman R. Bilyeu who preceded her in death on March 22, 1990.

Survivors include: three grandchildren Brian Bilyeu of Independence, Missouri, Jeff Bilyeu of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Lisa Casper of Shawnee, Kansas; four great grandchildren Chance, Emlie, Nicole, & Heather; two great great grandchildren Payton & Navada. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband. She attended the Church of Christ of Eldon, Missouri.

Visitation will be Monday December 1, 2008, 9-10 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 10 a.m. with burial to at Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett.

Harry Wayne Berendzen 52 of Mary's Home, Missouri passed away on Sunday November 23, 2008 at his residence. On September 7, 1956 he was born to Jake Frank and Laverne Augusta (Morff) Berendzen in Tuscumbia, Missouri. On June 26, 1993, he was married in Mary's Home, Missouri to Debbie (Huddleston) Berendzen who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: Chris & Robyn Carter, and Jamie & Becky Carter, Step Sons & Daughters in law; Justin, Hayley, Kyle, Alyssa, Brendon Carter, Grandchildren; Laverne Berendzen, Mother; John & Geneva Huddleston, Father & Mother in law; Rick & Peggy Huddleston, Brother in law & Wife; Cathy & Freddy Klindt, Janice & Larry Belt, Nancy & Paul Whitney, Darrell & Kahty Berendzen, Brenda & John Rush; Mitch & Betty Berendzen, Sheri & Todd Koestner, Brothers & Sisters; Ten Nieces & Five Nephews, three Great Nieces, & Four Great Nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jake Berendzen, two brothers, David & Kenneth, one niece, Jody Klindt, & one nephew, Michael Klindt.

He was employed with HRB Construction. He was a member of the Carpenter Union #945 for over thirty years. Also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #3267 of Mary's Home, a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church of Mary's Home. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, & watching his step son Jamie race his modified car. He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren.

A Rosary will be prayed at 3:30PM and a Prayer Service prayed at 7:00PM on Tuesday. There will be a lunch at noon on Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mary's Home prior to the Mass.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 25 from 3-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, Mary’s Home. The Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, November 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church with burial to follow at Riverview Cemetery in Jefferson City.

Arthur C. Eckhoff Jr., 82, of Eldon, Missouri, died Saturday, November 22, 2008 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. Art was born February 06, 1926 in Woodford County, Illinois the son of the late Arthur Sr. and Minnie (Tjaden) Eckhoff. He was married on January 09, 1954 in Pontiac, Illinois to Marilyn Jean (Brown) Eckhoff, who passed away on April 14, 1996.
Art served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1952 as a Combat Engineer for the United States Army. Art farmed most of his life in Illinois and Missouri. Art retired from FASCO Industries in Eldon, Missouri in July of 1991. Art also retired from Wal-Mart in October 2004. Art was a member of V.F.W. Post # 2442 of Eldon, Missouri. Art was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Stover, Missouri.

Art is survived by his three sons, Russell Eckhoff of Sedalia, Missouri, Richard Eckhoff of LaMonte, Missouri, and Roger Eckhoff of Olean, Missouri; one daughter, Ranae Campbell of Olean, Missouri; nine grandsons, four granddaughters and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Art is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Martin and Bernard Eckhoff; two sisters, Bertha Bolen and Amelia Pelz.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 25, 2008 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri. Funeral Service will be Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri with Bro. Bob Hoskins officiating. Interment will be at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to In Care of the Family.

Mrs. Holly Jo (Witherspoon) Daniels, 38, of Eldon, Missouri passed on Thursday evening November 20, 2008 of a brain aneurysm at the University Hospital of Columbia, Missouri. She was born on February 21, 1970 in Smithville, Missouri to Larry Witherspoon and the late Connie Trigg.

Holly was a 1989 graduate of Lakeland R-III of Deepwater, Missouri. She was employed with Fasco for seven years, before becoming employed with the United States Postal Service for nine years. She loved sports, fishing, camping and loved bowling with her co-workers. She loved her Dr. Pepper, chocolate, and her 70’s music.

Holly married Lloyd Allen Daniels on January 12, 1990 who survives of the home with their three children, a Son, Dustin Andrew Daniels, and two Daughters, Lindsey Taylor, and Bailey Alexandria Daniels.

Also surviving Holly are One Sister, Tina Marie Witherspoon and husband Patrick of Tipton, Missouri; three Brothers, Christopher Garrett Bryan of Wichita, Kansas, Brian Adair Witherspoon of Deepwater, Missouri; and Kenny Edgar Witherspoon of Springfield, Missouri; one adopted Sister born in Warrensburg; Grandmother, Ivonne Siercks of Windsor, Missouri; Stepmother, Susan Witherspoon of Deepwater, Missouri; Mother in law, Dena Rosado of El Dorado Springs, Missouri; Father in law, Jimmie Daniels and wife Jannie of Clinton, Missouri; Sister in law, Tammy Halloway and husband Will and their three Sons of Brookfield, Missouri; several Aunt, Uncles, Nieces Nephews and Cousins.

She was preceded in death by her Mother Connie Trigg and her Grandfather John Siercks. The Co-workers of the United States Postal Service in Eldon, Missouri have created the Holly Daniels Memorial Fund for her children at Region’s Bank of Eldon, Missouri.

Visitation will be Monday, November 24 from 4-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. with interment to follow at Englewood Cemetery in Clinton, Missouri.

Cyrus Vaughn Poertner, fourteen month old son of Sam and Megan (Maylee) Poertner passed away Thursday morning November 20, 2008 at his home in Eldon, Missouri. He was born in Jefferson City, Missouri on October 10, 2007.

Survivors include: his parents Sam & Megan Poertner of the home; brother Branden Poertner of the home; grandmother Kathryn Frieden of the state of Arizona; grandmother Rebecca Poertner of Eldon, Missouri; step grandfather Dean Todd of Eldon, Missouri; great grandfather Joe Frieden of Curryville, Missouri; great grandmother Helen Musenbrock of Lake St. Louis, Missouri; several uncles & nieces.
Cyrus was preceded in death by his grandfather, Vaughn Leroy Poertner, a great grandmother, Virginia Frieden, and great grandparents, McKinley & Betty Combs.

Visitation will be Monday, November 24 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with funeral services to follow. Interment will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett.

Rekus Funeral Homes Web Site, November 2008

Earl J. “Tommy” Hosey, age 80, of Eldon, died Sunday, November 23, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born in Eldon on September 17, 1928, a son of the late Samuel Earl and Elsie Mae (Peterson) Hosey. On December 13, 1968, in Miami, Oklahoma, he was married to Mary Gatton, who survives at the home.

Earl was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed playing bingo, gardening, fishing, boating and spending time with his family and friends.

Others who survive him include: two sons, Brian Hosey of Topeka, Kansas and Steve Hosey of Kansas City, Missouri; one granddaughter, the apple of his eye, Kirsten Hosey of Topeka, Kansas and two sisters, Elsie Allee of Sedalia and Virginia Wyrick of Eldon.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Rev. Jay Quinn will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be in Eldon City Cemetery.

God saw he was getting tired, a cure was not meant to be. So He put His arms around him and whispered, “Come with me.” With tearful eyes we watched him and saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Rosa D. Bax, age 101, of St. Elizabeth, died Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born on November 14, 1907, in St. Anthony, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Blomberg) Braun. On November 11, 1924, in St. Anthony, she married August G. Bax, who preceded her in death on August 13, 1997.

She is survived by two sons, Norman J. Bax and wife Lenore of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Giles A. Bax and wife Patricia of St. Petersburg, Florida; ten grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Lorraine Bax. She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Clarence Wiederholt will officiate. Interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Elizabeth Care Center.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, November 2008

Wyman W. Kunzler, age 86, of Jefferson City, died Friday, November 28, 2008, at Golden Livingcenter. He was born on January 26, 1922, a son of the late Roy and Anna (Croff) Kunzler.

Those who survive him include: one brother, Don Kunzler and one sister, Darlene Hartman both of Jefferson City. His son, Daryl R. Kunzler, also preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, at Hopewell Cemetery near Eldon.

Eilene C. Lissak, age 76, of Richland, died Saturday, November 29, 2008, at Richland Care Center. She was born in Hancock on July 21, 1932, daughter of John H. and Della Inez (Baugh) McKee. She was married to Kenneth Martin Lissak, who preceded her in death in November 1982.
She was a member of the Iberia Red Hattitudes and enjoyed volunteering at Warren Senior Center in Richland.

Survivors include three daughters, Cynthia Eilene Freegard of Iberia, Cathleen Eva Fitzpatrick-Sloan of Richland, and Colleen Elisabeth Holdman of Medina, Ohio; three sons, Charles Edwin Fitzpatrick of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, and Clinton Eugene Fitzpatrick and Cole Eric Fitzpatrick both of Richland; one brother, Terry McKee of Jefferson City; one sister, Donna Nave of Iberia; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ronald “Buck” McKee in 1995 and John “Dean” McKee in 1996; one sister, Nadine Rowden in 2006; an infant brother, Paul Rex McKee; an infant sister, Gloria Lucille McKee; and one great-granddaughter, Audrey Marie Fitzpatrick in 2003.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Eric Holdman, son-in-law, will officiate. Interment will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Richland. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Joseph Lemuel (J.L.) Strange passed on at his home November 30, 2008. He was born on January 19, 1943 in Miller County. He graduated from School of the Osage in 1960. In 1967 J.L. was employed by Casino Pier, (Larry Don & Commander excursion boats), in Lake Ozark. He was a coast guard, licensed pilot and diesel engine mechanic. In 2003 he acquired and sold the business and continued to operate his small cattle farm. Just previous to his illness he was operating a tug boat for Atlantis Island.

He leaves behind a loving wife, Karen; three loving sons, Mike, Tim and Scott and two loving grandchildren, Emily and Luke.

The family wishes to thank all of his devoted friends and extended family who helped them and J.L. with his battle against Leukemia. Honoring J.L.’s request, there will be no services. He will be missed by many.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

Wayne “Digger” O’Dell, age 63, of Brumley, died Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at his home. He was born on February 17, 1945, in Lebanon, son of Gerald and Gloe (Haynes) O’Dell. On December 11, 1993, at the Concord Christian Church in Crocker, he married Colleen (DeVore) Cochran, who survives at the home.

He was a manager of Thompson Service Center, a truck driver for Coca Cola, and he also worked for his father-in-law, Digger Jones, before taking over the company in the 1980’s. Later he worked for Loren Gregory Construction and then for Dick Agles Excavating until his retirement.

He is also survived by his mother, Gloe O’Dell of Lebanon; three sons, David O’Dell and wife Cindy of Lebanon, Emerson O’Dell and wife Dawn of Concordia, and Scotty Cochran and wife Becky of Iberia; four daughters, Kathy Byrd and husband Bob of Brumley, Becky Boggs and husband Jeff of Iberia, Patty Russell and husband Rick of Iberia, and Jami Pemberton and husband John of Iberia; one brother, Gerald O’Dell of Lebanon; one sister, Helen West of Lebanon; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald O’Dell.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2008, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Kevin Blackburn will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be on Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mt. Union Cemetery.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, November 2008
Mary D. Patterson Brumble of Eldon, Missouri, passed away November 27, 2008 at Miller County Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Mary Van Dala Baker was born March 23, 1933 in Hanceville, Alabama to Fulton E. and Rilla Baker. She was raised in Klamath Falls, Oregon by her Mother Rilla & Step Father William F. Stout, and after graduation from Klamath Union High School she married John Topping Patterson on July 12, 1951. A son, John F. and daughter Linda K. Patterson were born to this union.

Mary was a Bookkeeper for Auto Dealerships and retired from D& R Auto Parts of Klamath Fall, Oregon in 1999. She then moved to Eldon, MO to be near her son & wife.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband John T. Patterson and second husband Herbert B. Brumble, half brothers Leto and John Baker of Arizona.

Mary loved to crochet, read and collect various artifacts. She dearly loved cats and dogs and always had pets in her home.

She is survived by her son John and wife Lillian Patterson of Eldon, MO. Daughter Linda and husband Duane Hall and Granddaughters, Heather and Jillian Hall all of Daphne, Alabama, one grandson John M. Patterson of Portland, Oregon. One sister Nadie Gardner of Forest Grover, Oregon, a brother Earl and wife MaryAnn Baker of Roseville, California, Nieces Evelyn and husband Jerry Geiger of Forest Grove, Oregon, and a niece Debra Baker, one nephew Randy Baker, both of Roseville, Californiam several grand nieces & nephews.

Cremation at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri with graveside services in Klamath Falls, Oregon at a later date. Donations in Mary’s memory may be made to the Humane Society of the United States or Community Hospices of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Verna L. Witt, 91, passed away Saturday morning November 29, 2008 at Miller County Nursing Home in Tuscumbia, Missouri. She was born in Ulman, Missouri on November 8, 1917 to the late William Thomas and Lavada Ann (Workman) Witt.

Survivors include
Daughters Catherine Hahn of Jefferson City, Missouri
Helen Kiser of Eldon, Missouri
Ella Mae Cotton of Eldon, Missouri
Wanda DeGraffenreid of Eldon, Missouri
Arta Jean Stiles of Eldon, Missouri
Brenda Branstetter of Eldon, Missouri
Angie Rogers of Eldon, Missouri
Sons Wesley Rains of Huntsville, Alabama
Norman Rains of Henley, Missouri
Twenty-seven Grandchildren; fifty-seven Great Grandchildren, and seven Great Great Grandchildren. Brother Larry Witt of O’Fallon, Missouri

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter Imogene Rains, one grandchild, one great grandchild, eight brothers, and one sister.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 2 from 4-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Wednesday, December 3 at 2 p.m. with burial to follow at Eldon City Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, August 1936

Marion Humphrey died here at his home Sunday of dust pneumonia which he contracted about nine days before while employed as a relief worker at the Kaiser recreational area on the Lake-of-the-Ozarks.
Mr. Humphrey has lived in Iberia and vicinity practically all his life and has reared a large family. He was born near Iberia in June 1876, being 60 years old at the time of his death. He was united in marriage at the age of 24 to Miss Marry Morrow, and to this union were born ten children, nine of whom are living, namely: Edd, Raymond, Jennings, Woodford, Archie and Truman, all of Iberia; Harley and Mrs. Mabel Edwards of Tuscumbia, and Mrs. Erma Farnham of Eldon. He is also survived by his wife; one sister, Mrs. Melvina Ahart of Iberia; three brothers, Steve of DeSoto, Mo., Matt of Kansas City, Mo., and Perry of Jefferson City, MO., also one half brother, Washington Humphrey of Kansas City; four grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted at an early age and united with the Christian (Newlight) Church where he held his membership until his death.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Otto Shearrer of Iberia, were held at the Union Church near Brays Monday and interment made in the cemetery at that place under direction of Adams & Casey local funeral directors.

Mrs. Henry F. Carroll, one of Iberia’s well and favorably known women, passed away at her home here Monday following a prolonged illness. For two weeks or more her condition was considered alarming and her children, who could come, were called to her bedside and were here when the end came.

Hanna Elizabeth Grady was born December 31, 1868; died August 17, 1936, being 67 years, 7 months and 17 days old. On December 22, 1887, she was united in marriage to Henry F. Carroll and to this union seven children were born, two of whom are dead, Asa and Bert. Those living are Mrs. Icy Cadwell and Mrs. Evelyn Buenger, both of Granite City, Ill.; Roy of Bois D’Arc, Mo., Mrs. May Williams of Carthage, Mo., and Mrs. Gertie Irwin of Iberia, Mo. Besides the children she is survived by her invalid husband; one sister, Mrs. Rebecca Davis of Kansas; two half-sisters, Fannie Humphrey and Nancy Hicks; one half-brother, Thomas Grady of Iberia, 14 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

She united with the Iberia Baptist Church about the year 1885 and has always been a consistent member.

Funeral services are being held this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o’clock in the Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. John Phillips. Interment will be made in the Madden Cemetery under direction of local undertakers, Adams & Casey.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1936
The sad news reached here last Friday of the death of Mrs. Charles Atwell of Ceres, California who passed away at her home there at 3:30 o’clock that morning. She had been afflicted with a stomach ailment for some time and it is thought that was the cause of her death.

The body, accompanied by the husband and other members of the family, is being brought back here for burial. If proper connections are made they will arrive here sometime Friday and burial will be made Saturday in the Tyler Cemetery east of Iberia.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwell were residents of Miller County, residing in the community of Iberia prior to their moving to Ceres, California last April.

Mrs. Atwell is survived by her husband and seven children, namely: Lee Atwell of Iberia, Floyd Atwell of Kansas City, Mrs. Norma Bowman of Hancock, Mo., Miss Zella Atwell and Mrs. Selma Mitzler of St. Louis and Charles and Elva Atwell of Ceres California.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1936

The Alder Springs community, friends and relatives elsewhere were deeply saddened Wednesday of last week to learn of the death of Mrs. W.G. Thompson. She had been in failing health since early last fall. Loving hands did their best to keep her here but God saw fit to call for her spirit.

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Funeral services were conducted by Wm. Freeman Jones at Alder Springs Thursday at 2 p.m.; burial in the cemetery there. There were several beautiful floral offerings. The body was in charge of Adams & Casey Undertaking Co. of Iberia.

Paradine Jones, daughter of J.F.M. and Catherine D. Jones, was born February 12, 1871, at Alder Springs; passed from this life March 25, 1936, at the age of 65 years, 1 month and 13 days. On July 13, 1888, she was united in marriage to W.G. Thompson, who survives her. To this union were born three children, namely: Mrs. M. Owen Kellison of Springfield, J. Ray Thompson of Hayden and Mrs. F.V. Kallenbach of Eugene.

Besides her husband and three children, thirteen grandchildren, Mary Jean Kellison passed on at Atchison, Kansas, more than three years ago. She also leaves behind two sisters, Mrs. W.W. Lawson of Vinita, Okla., Mrs. J.H. Bilyeu of Alder Springs, and one brother, T.L. Jones of Alder Springs.

Sister Thompson obeyed the Gospel early in life, and at the time of her death was a member of the Church of Christ at Alder Springs. She attended church faithfully until she became ill a few months ago. She loved the Bible and read its sacred pages often, sometimes quoting whole chapters, such as Acts 2nd chapter, which was one of her favorites.

She was a faithful companion, a loving mother, a good neighbor and a zealous Christian. She was very patient, kind and cheerful all through her prolonged illness, even to the very last.

"When comes to the weary a blessed release,
When upward we pass to His Kingdom of Peace,
When free from the woes that on earth we must bear,
We'll say 'Good night' here, but 'Good morning' up there."

--a niece (Mrs. W.F. Jones)

Death again invades another Miller County home and claims one of our aged and most highly respected citizens, James L. Prock, who succumbed to pneumonia last Sunday. He had attained the age of 84 years.

Mr. Prock has been one of the county's most active and influential citizens. HE has served the county as collector of the revenue and in other official capacities; was justice of the peace in his home township for a number of years, and was a leader in religious educational and social activities in his community.

James L. Prock was born in Wright County, Missouri, August 14, 1851, and departed this life January 19, 1936. At the age of five years he came to Miller County with his parents where he resided until his death.

Mr. Prock was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Wyrick who some years ago preceded him in death. To this union two children were born, Phillip Prock who died about fifteen years ago, and Mrs. Frank Johnston of Neosho, Mo.

Mr. Prock was again united in marriage January 25, 1899, with Miss Lulu Short, and to this marriage relationship were born 8 children, namely: John, Sam, Elmer, Ted, Marie, Gladys, Chas. and an infant daughter. Elmer passed from this life in the year 1931 (Elmer's death certificate says 1930); Charles died at the age of eleven months and one daughter also died in infancy.

A number of years ago Mr. Prock made a confession of his Christian faith and united with the Advent Union Church at Brays. He leaves, besides the members of his family, five grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. John Abbet of Iberia, a number of other relatives and a host of friends to mourn his departure.
Funeral services conducted by Rev. P.J. Eckhoff of Iberia, were held from the Mt. Zion Church, near the County Home, Tuesday after which interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery, under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

Unknown Publication, May 1938

Manley Dake was born Dec. 19, 1899; died Dec 2, 1935, being at the time of his death 35 years, 11 months and 13 days old. He was the son of B.A. Dake and Martha Jane Dake.

He was united in marriage to Anna Lee May 7 1924, and to this union four children were born, all of whom survive him: Nadine, age 8 years; Eileen, 7; Carl, 5 and Mary, 3. He is also survived by five brothers, Jack, Joe and Willard of Dixon, Larman of Meta, George of Iberia and three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Wilson, Mrs. Susan Ahart, and Mrs. Fannie Thompson of Dixon, also his father and mother and many other relatives and friends.

He united with the Pentecostal Assembly of God Church at Galena, Kans. in 1928 and remained true in this faith until his death.

The remains were laid to rest in the Dake Cemetery on the farm where Manley was born to await the judgment day.

The Iberia Sentinel, unknown date

Mrs. Anna von Gremp of this place received a telegram from Shawnee, Oklahoma Tuesday morning informing her of the death of her brother, Willie Johnston, who died from a stroke Monday night. No further particulars have been learned relative to his death. Funeral services were held in Shawnee and burial made at that place Wednesday.

Mr. Johnston has been engaged in business at Shawnee for many years, and we understand he was a traveling salesman at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and one married daughter of Shawnee, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna von Gremp of Iberia, Mo., and Mrs. Sally Stuntz of Colo., and one brother, Victor Johnston of Crocker.

Mr. Johnston was born and reared in Iberia and made his home until about 34 years ago, when he and his family moved to Oklahoma. The Sentinel joins in extending deep sympathy to those left bereft by Mr. Johnston’s death.

The Iberia Sentinel, June 1936

Mrs. Maude Hendricks, wife of Mitchel Hendricks of Ulman, died of heart trouble Thursday, June 4, at the home of her brother, Jesse Thompson, near Ulman. Mrs. Hendricks was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J.C. Thompson of Brumley and was a well known and highly esteemed woman of the Ulman and Brumley communities.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, two daughters, her parents, brothers and sisters and other relatives who mourn her passing.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Alexander, pastor of the Eldon Christian Church, were held at the Brumley Christian Church Saturday afternoon, after which burial was made in the Gott Cemetery under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1935

Opal May Malmberg, little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Malmberg of Dixon R.F.D. 4, passed away Monday night about ten o’clock, having suffered an acute attack of pneumonia.

The little girl last Saturday sucked a bean down her windpipe and was taken to St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City, where we understand, it was removed. An irritation, however, set up which developed into pneumonia causing her death.

Funeral arrangements have been made for Christmas day and burial will be in the Madden Cemetery.
The Iberia Sentinel, August 1936

Gladys Mae Wall was born near Iberia, Mo. April 3rd, 1909; passed away Aug. 1st, 1936 at the age of 27 years. Gladys spent the early part of her life in Iberia. In 1917 she with her parents moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where she spent the remainder of her life. She united with the Church of Christ in the spring of 1925.

She was married to Mr. Carl E. Vogelman September 14, 1930. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Carl E. Vogelman; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wall; sister, Mrs. H.C. Swan; brother, Raymond Wall, all of Tulsa; one grandmother, Mrs. Jane Wall of Iberia; a number of aunts and uncles, namely: Mrs. H.R. Wakefield and Mr. Avol Wall of Tulsa, Bert Wall of Miami, Okla., Rolla Wall of Iberia, Mr. William Whalen of Peggs, Okla., Mrs. E.M. Koester of St. Louis and Mr. George Whalen, Mr. John A. Whalen and Mrs. John U. Stone, all of Los Angeles, California, also one niece, Gloria Belle Swan and one nephew, Phillip Gary Wall.

Funeral services were conducted from the Church of Christ August 3rd by Rev. L.R. Wilson. The scripture readings were taken from Ecc. 12th chapter. She was laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1936

Mr. Ora Williams, one of the finest and most promising young men of south Miller County, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Williams, of the community west of Iberia, last Saturday.

Ora was a single man and resided on the farm with his parents, assisting his father in the operation of the farm. His passing is sadly mourned, not only by his immediate relatives, but by his many friends and associates.

Mr. Ora Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Williams, was born June 19, 1896; died February 22, 1936 at Iberia, Missouri. It was in this community that, as a farmer, he spent the greater part of his life; and it was here that he acquired the host of friends who will mourn his passing.

Soon after the United States entered the World War, Ora enlisted in the U.S. Navy, remaining in that branch of the service until February, 1919. Subsequently he became an active member of the American Legion with his membership in the Fremont Watkins Post at Iberia.

Although he never definitely sought church membership, Ora was both by profession of belief and by example in his daily life, a Christian man. His kindly presence, his generous nature, and his sterling character generally were an inspiration to all who knew him.

His last illness was comparatively brief. Pneumonia coupled with other complications baffled all efforts to bring relief. For those efforts the family is deeply grateful to the capable medical staff which attended Ora and to the many other friends who did all within their power to aid him and to comfort his bereaved ones.

Among his nearest surviving relatives are his parents, seven sisters and three brothers: Mrs. A.O. Knoll, Mrs. R.W. Irwin, Mrs. R.M. Muirhead, Miss Betty Williams, Mrs. Gerald Gardner, Mrs. M. Myer, Mrs. Raymond Johnston, and Messrs. Adron, Wade and Dale Williams.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday, February the 24th at 2 p.m., Prof. G. Byron Smith officiating. Burial was made in the Williams Cemetery with military honors given by the American Legion Post of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1936

Mrs. Dow Wall, well known woman of the community north of Iberia, passed away here in Iberia at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jane Groves, after a prolonged illness, high blood pressure being the cause of her death.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Otto Shearrer, pastor of the local Nazarene Church, were held from the north Christian Church Monday afternoon at 2 o’clock, after which interment was made in the Hickory Point Cemetery under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service.
Eva Ann Groves was born July 12, 1886, and departed this life Sunday, March 1, 1936, at the age of 49 years, 7 months and 18 days.

She was married to Dow Wall March 13, 1904 and to this union eight children were born. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Mr. Dow Wall and seven children, namely: Dorsey, Gail, Stanley, Freeda, Hannis, Warren and Bonnie Jean. An infant son died when only 6 days old. Besides the immediate members of the family, she is survived by her aged mother, Mrs. Jane Groves; three brothers—Gordon C. Groves, Robert Groves and Roy Groves and two sisters—Mrs. Blanch Wilson and Mrs. Dosha Scott.

She united with the Christian Church 24 years ago and lived a consistent Christian life until her death.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1936

Sarah Golden entered into peaceful sleep at her home near St. Anthony Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 22nd, 1936, at the age of 76 years, 2 months, and 29 days. In the year 1876, she was married to George Golden and to their marriage the following children were born: Everett Golden who died February 22, 1917; William E. Golden and a son who died in infancy, and one daughter, Lilly.

She made her home for the past several years with her son, William, and daughter, Lilly, since her husband passed away in the year 1901.

She leaves to cherish her memory, besides the son and daughter, two brothers, Joseph and Eck Barr, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Burks, all of Iberia, Missouri; also five grandchildren, Mrs. Grace Greathouse and Edna, Herman, Willie and Elmer Golden.

She united with the Hickory Point Baptist Church about 20 years ago in which church she kept her membership on to the end. She lived her entire life in the community where she died and her going is a great loss to this community. She lived a quiet, sweet life, loved and respected by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

A good woman, a kind and loving mother gone to the Home prepared for those who put their trust in God.

Funeral services were held at the Golden home Friday, January 24th. Burial in Hicks Cemetery near St. Anthony. S.L. Casey, Iberia funeral director had charge of the services.

The Iberia Sentinel, 1937

Alex R. Gott, one of Miller County’s well known citizens and a farmer of the Ulman community for many years, died at his home Monday night, July 28 (his death certificate says June 28), of a complication of diseases, principally heart and kidney trouble. He was 76 years, 9 months and 19 days old and made his home with his son, Lynn, of near Ulman.

He is survived by two sons, Lynn of the home, and Kirt of Bloomfield, Indiana, and one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Hickman, Tulsa, Oklahoma. His wife died several years ago.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Jas. C. Thompson of Brumley, will be held today (Thursday afternoon) at 2:00 o’clock and interment will be made in the Gott Cemetery under the direction of Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1937

Anna Marie Buechter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Buechter of St. Elizabeth, Missouri, passed away at her home Sunday evening, February 28th, 1937 at the age of 20 years, one month and 29 days. She was a sufferer of Bright’s Disease followed with general dropsical condition.

Funeral services were held at the St. Anthony Catholic Church where Mass Requiem was celebrated by the pastor, Rex Lehman, at 9 o’clock Tuesday morning after which burial was made in the St. Anthony Cemetery.
Anna Marie was a good Christian girl, true to her faith and lived a life true to her church in all its teachings.
She is survived by her parents, two sisters and seven brothers, besides many other relatives and friends. Adams & Casey Undertakers had charge of the burial.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1934

Beatrice Marie Perkins, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perkins, died here Monday night at 11 o’clock of diphtheria, following a brief illness, at the age of 9 years, 1 month and 11 days.
She leaves to mourn her passing, father and mother and one sister, aged 5 years, besides her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. Able Gardner, and other relatives.
A beautiful flower taken from our home to make Heaven more sweet and beautiful. An angel here on earth, now an angel in heaven.
Private funeral services conducted by Rev. Neddie Sooter were held at the Perkins home Wednesday morning at 10 o’clock and interment made in the town cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1934

John Thomas Morrow was born Dec 6, 1863, and passed from life on March 1, 1934, at the age of 70 years, two months and 23 days.
The deceased united with the Christian Church at an early age, later becoming a faithful member of the Advent Christian Church of Brays. For a number of years he patiently and uncomplainingly suffered from a paralysis.
Brother Morrow was the father of thirteen children, two of whom, together with three wives to whom he was consecutively married, preceded him in death. These were Elmer and Maud. The remaining children are as follows: Charles, Gordon, Claude and Redus of St. Louis; Everett of Jefferson City; James of Hancock; Lester of Hawkeye; Mrs. John Gontae, of Bellows Falls, Vermont; Owen and Tavie (Mrs. Vern McKee) of Brays and Mae of Iberia. He was first married to Nancy Rowden, who was the mother of five of his children. Being later married to Lennie Humphrey, daughter of Mart Humphrey, there were born to him seven children. The thirteenth child was the fruit of a third marriage to Mrs. Mellie Liesman.
Funeral services and interment at Union Church, the message being brought by Miles G. Bowden of Dixon.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1936

The newspaper obit spells her name “Gross”, the death certificate on line has it as “Grass”, and cemetery listing is “Groce”.
Last Thursday, February 6th, death again invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Winfrey of the Brumley community and claimed Mrs. Walter Gross, mother of Mrs. Wilfred Winfrey who died on Friday before January 31, of pneumonia.
Mrs. Gross had gone to the home of her daughter to wait on her when she, herself, contracted pneumonia and was seriously ill at the time of Mrs. Winfrey’s death. She is survived by her husband, three sons and three daughters, all of whom we understand, live elsewhere.
Funeral services were held at the Brumley Baptist Church last Friday and were conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith of Brumley. Burial was made in the Hawkins Cemetery under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1936

Mrs. L.A. Bond, one of south Miller County’s aged and highly esteemed women, succumbed to pneumonia Monday after everything that skilled physicians and loving hands could do to prolong her life.
Martha Elizabeth (Blize) Bond, daughter of Pryor and Elizabeth Blize, was born November 14, 1858 and died March 23, 1936, being 78 years, 4 months and 9 days old at the time of her death.

She was united in marriage to Louis A. Bond August 23, 1877. To this union 11 children were born, namely: Charles H. Bond of Iberia, Della (wife of Arthur Waite) of Iberia, Jennie (former wife of J.A. Law who pre-deceased her mother December 18, 1938), Perry Bond of Iberia, George W. Bond of Iberia, Molly (who died at age of 8 months), Sadie (wife of C.I. Law) of Hancock, Nettie (wife of J.M. Hensley) of Tuscumbia, John, Jesse, and Joe all of Iberia.

She leaves to mourn her passing an aged husband, 9 children, 22 grandchildren 10 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers, L.D. Blize of Millet Alberta, Canada, and Billie Joe Blize of Success, Mo.; two sisters, Mary Ellis and Ida Ellis of Success, Mo., and numerous other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bond have lived on the same farm, 2 miles west of Iberia on Highway 17, their entire married life, 58 years.

Funeral services in charge of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia, were held from the home Tuesday afternoon, after which interment was made in the Livingston Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1937

Little Bobby Lee Shelton who suffered an attack of typhoid fever last September from which he never did fully recover, parted this life Wednesday, January 27, being at the time of his death 4 years, 3 months and 23 days old. He was the infant son of Birley and Goldie Shelton of Crocker. He leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother; a brother Ferrel Gene; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeannie Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Whittle, a number of uncles and aunts and other relatives and friends. One brother preceded him to the great beyond.

Everything that loving hands could do was done to save the precious life of little Bobby but of no avail. In the home a vacant chair that cannot be filled, but the sweet memory of this wee still voice shall always be remembered.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. John Phillips of Iberia were held from the Pleasant Hill Christian Church Friday afternoon, and interment made in the cemetery at that place under direction of J.L. Hoops & Sons funeral service of Crocker.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1936

The body of George Newhart, who died of a heart attack at the R.R. office in E. St. Louis, Ill., February 8, was shipped to Crocker Tuesday night and was brought from there over to Iberia early Wednesday morning in the Adams & Casey ambulance. From here it was taken to the Union church near Brays where funeral services conducted by Rev. P.J. Eckhoff of Iberia were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o’clock after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place.

Mr. Newhart had been employed as a railroad switchman for the Illinois Central in East St. Louis for a number of years. He is survived by two brothers and one sister, Charles T. Newhart of near Iberia, Will Newhart of Tulsa, Okla, and Mrs. Mary Wheeler of Carterville, Mo. He was 63 years of age at the time of his death. The Sentinel joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

The Iberia Sentinel, September 1936 – Bennie M. Pendleton

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Pendleton of the Sudheimer community east of Iberia was saddened Tuesday when death in a singular manner plucked from their embrace their six months old infant son.

The infant had been placed on the bed by his mother while she was performing household duties in another room. When she returned to the room in which she left the baby, she found it
dead, hanging by the chin between the bed railing and the wall. The child evidently in flouncing around on the bed started to fall and was caught between the railing and the wall.

Funeral services for the infant were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and burial in the Union Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, Unknown Date

William H. McClasky, an aged farmer of the Brumley community, was critically injured Tuesday of last week when he fell from the top of a load of cane fodder which he was hauling for feeding purposes on his farm. He was rushed to the Wallace Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, where an X-ray examination showed a fractured bone in the neck. He lived until Tuesday morning.

Mr. McClasky, 81 years of age at death, is survived by his widow, a sister of Oscar McCubbin of near Brumley, also a daughter by a former marriage.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Wigger, pastor of the Iberia Baptist Church, were held in the home Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock and interment was made in the Hawkins Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey funeral directors of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, January 1935

Iberia citizens were shocked Tuesday morning of this week when the news reached here that Parker Casey, a former Iberia boy, passed away at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., early that morning following an operation for appendicitis.

Parker had been to Little Rock, Ark., to visit his little daughter and on his return home Wednesday night, January 2nd, he suffered an attack of appendicitis. After reaching Kansas City he was rushed to the hospital early Wednesday morning where he underwent an operation. For a few days following the operation his condition seemed to be satisfactory, but poison complications set up which, in spite of attention by skilled physicians, proved fatal.

Carl Parker Casey, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Casey, was born in Iberia January 23, 1905. He spent his boyhood days here with his parents who were among our best and most influential citizens for many years prior to their moving to Kansas City. Parker was considered a strong, young man—the very picture of health, but again his passing reminds us of the fact that the grim Reaper of Death takes the strong as well as the weak.

His body is being brought back here today and will lay in state at the home of his brother, C.L. Casey, until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock when funeral services will be held from the Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. John Phillips, Dr. G. Byron Smith and Rev. P.J. Eckhoff, after which interment will be made in the family burial lot in the town cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his little daughter; parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Casey; brothers Clint and Clark, and sisters, Mrs. Phillip Judy and Mrs. Josephene Drew, all of Kansas City, and brother, C.L. Casey, and sister, Mrs. Earl Irwin, both of Iberia.

His father, who is in West Palm Beach, Florida, for the benefit of his health, will not be able to attend the funeral.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1935

Burley E. Abbet was born in Miller County, Missouri Dec. 23, 1884, and passed away in East St. Louis, Ill., April 23, 1935, being at the time of his death 49 years and 4 months of age.

He was married to Eliza Broome September 5, 1909. To this union three children were born, one infant who preceded in death.

He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, two sons, a daughter-in-law, Earl, Frank and Ruth; parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Abbet of Iberia; four brothers and three sisters, namely: Lafe of Springfield, Mo., Oliver of Iberia, Oscar of Oklahoma, Otto of Crocker, Mo., Mrs. Opal Carrol of Crocker, Mo., Mrs. Grace Ransom of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. Alma Dickerson of West Palm Beach, Florida, and a host of other relatives and friends.
The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Shearrer Friday afternoon at the Christian Church. Interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery under the directions of Adams and Casey, local funeral directors.

**Unknown Publication, April 1935**

**Adolph Struemph**

Returning from work in a St. Louis factory, Mrs. Grace Struemph found her husband, Adolph, shot and fatally wounded on the bedroom floor of their home 20_6a Cleveland Boulevard at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

She summoned neighbors and rushed him to ST. Elizabeth’s Hospital in an ambulance where he died a few minutes later in the emergency room without regaining consciousness. The bullet had entered his head just above the right ear, lodging in the brain.

Mrs. Struemph said she discovered her husband a moment after arriving home. It was not known how long he had lain wounded and alone on the floor, but Mrs. Edward Ennis, who occupies the downstairs apartment, said she heard a report and the sound of a falling object sometime around 4:30 pm., but paid no attention to it.

Less than a foot from Struemph’s right hand was a new .22 calibre snub nosed revolver. The nine chambers were loaded with .22 long cartridges and one had been discharged. Nearly a full box of bullets was found in a bureau drawer in the bedroom.

Mrs. Struemph said her husband had never owned a revolver and she was not aware that he had one until she saw it on the floor beside his body. She did not know when or where he had acquired it.

Both the police and the widow believe Struemph committed suicide. While he had never threatened to take his own life, she said he had been under a St. Louis physician’s care for some time due to a stomach disorder. He was also greatly worried about his elderly father, John Struemph, who is in a critical condition at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City, Mo., following an operation. Mrs. Struemph said. They had gone there last weekend to visit him.

Struemph, who was 32 years old, had steady employment at the Granite City Steel Co. and worked until 3 p.m. on the day of his death. He had evidently gone home, loaded the revolver from the new box of cartridges, and killed himself.

Two sisters of Mrs. Struemph, Misses Ethel and Crethen Humphrey, who live at the Cleveland Boulevard address, were away and did not arrive home until after the body was found.

The remains were taken Saturday from Mercer’s Funeral Home to St. Elizabeth, Mo., where interment was made.

**Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008**

**Colton Jace Rasley**, infant son of Sean and Alisa Rasley, was born at Boone Hospital Center on November 27, 2008 and departed from his precious life at the University Hospital and Clinics on December 3, 2008.


Private family services were held on December 5, 2008. Arrangements were under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

**Alice Irene Hader**, age 82, of Eldon, died Friday, December 5, 2008, at Eldon Nursing and Rehab. She was born in Cole County on March 17, 1926, a daughter of the late Charles
Clifford and Merl (Langley) Campbell. In May 1946, in Morgan County, she was married to Henry L. Hader, who preceded her in death over 30 years ago.

Irene loved her grandchildren, animals and the outdoors. She enjoyed spending time knitting and reading.

Those who survive her include: three children, Jim Campbell and wife Pam, Chuck Hader and wife Ellen and Connie Roark and husband Jim, all of Eldon; 12 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren. One granddaughter and one grandson, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with services immediately following at noon on Tuesday, December 9, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Interment will be in Allen Cemetery near Olean. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Irene Hader Memorial Fund.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1937

Miss Ruth Irene Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks of near St. Anthony, died February 22nd, 1937 of pneumonia fever. She was born July 21, 1921, and at the time of her death she was 15 years, 7 months and 1 day old. She had been an invalid all of her life.

She leaves to mourn her passing, besides her mother and father, one brother and one sister, two grandmothers, and a host of relatives and friends. One sister, Alice, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday by Rev. C.W. Sooter at the home and burial was made in the Hicks Cemetery under the direction of Adams and Casey.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 3, 1949

Mr. Lewis A. Bond, 90, well known Miller county farmer and stockman who had spent his entire life on a farm west of Iberia, passed away last Saturday. He had been in failing health for several years. Funeral services were held at his home Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and burial was made in the Livingston cemetery.

Obituary: Lewis Allen Bond, son of Felix and Betsy Bond, was born October 5, 1858 near Iberia, Mo., and departed this life on Feb.26, 1949 at the age of 90 years, 4 months and 21 days. He is the last of his immediate family, and spent his entire life on or near a farm two miles west of Iberia on which his father settled when he came to this state from Tennessee over one hundred years ago. On Aug. 23, 1877 he was united in marriage to Martha E. Blize, who preceded him in death on March 23, 1936. To this union 11 children were born, 6 boys and 5 girls. Two of the girls, Jennie and Mollie, passed away many years ago. Those remaining to mourn their father's passing, are: Charles, Perry, George, John, Jesse, and Joe all of Iberia, Mo., Mrs. Della Waite of Iberia, Mo., Mrs. Sadie Law of Etterville, Mo., and Mrs. Nettie Hensley of Ulman, Mo.

Besides the children he also leaves 23 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. Mr. Bond was a good husband and father and a good provider for his family. During his career as a farmer and stockman he made many friends far and wide. He was always ready to lend his neighbors a helping hand when they were in need. Although he far outlived the average man he was very active until a few years ago when his health began to fail him. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral services were held Tuesday March 1st. at 10:00 a.m. at his home near Iberia, Mo., the Rev. J. Merle Bandy officiating minister, assisted by the Rev. Mark Sooter. Burial was made in the Livingston cemetery under direction of the Hedges Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, May 2004

George H. Volmert, 87, of Joplin, died Thursday evening, May 27, 2004, at a local hospital. He had been ill for several years. Mr. Volmert was born February 25, 1917 in St. Elizabeth, Missouri to Bernard F. and Elizabeth Dickneite Volmert. He graduated from
Tuscumbia, Missouri High School. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman University). He worked in the Veterans Administration Office as a psychometrist and vocational appraiser at Truman University while working on his Master’s Degree. He earned his Master of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Truman University in 1951.

He was a veteran of W.W. II, serving with V Corps, U.S. Infantry as interpreter in Czechoslovakia. He was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He came to Joplin in 1949 as the first counselor in the R-8 School System. He remained in that position until 1966. In July 1966 he was hired as Registrar at Missouri Southern State University. He retired in 1987.

He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church where he served as an usher for 50 years. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus; member of the Missouri State Teachers Association; Retired Teachers Association of Missouri, American Heart Association, American Legion Post #13, AARP, American Bowling Congress, Joplin Elks Lodge #501 and a 50 year member of the Kiwanis Club of Joplin.

He married Maxine Edwards on February 20, 1943 in Fairfield, Iowa. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Karen Tippey, of Houston, Texas. George and Maxine celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 20, 2003.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Rev. Justin Monaghan will preside. Burial will be in the Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Richard LaNear, Truman Dearing, Floyd Leonard, Chuck Lonardo, Bob Laptad and Loren Smith. Full military honors will be provided by American Legion Post #13. A prayer service will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday at the Thornhill-Dillon Mortuary with a visitation to follow until 7:30 p.m. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. John’s Hospice Program.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, May 1972

Mrs. Mary Louise Berhorst of St. Elizabeth died Monday, May 1, 1972, at the home of a brother, Albert Hake, in Mary's Home. Her death occurred only eight days before her 81st birthday. Mrs. Berhorst was a lifelong resident of Mary's Home until the past eight years when she had been with a daughter in St. Elizabeth. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic church at Mary's Home.

She was born May 9, 1891 at Mary's Home, a daughter of Herman and Sophie (Evers) Hake. On April 13, 1915, she was married at Mary's Home to John Steve Berhorst. He died Nov. 1, 1952.

Mrs. Berhorst leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Dickneite of St. Elizabeth and Mrs. Lorraine Vogel of Jerome, Idaho; one son, Herbert Berhorst of Fulton; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; four brothers, Albert Hake, Adolph Hake and Clem Hake, all of Mary's Home, and Lawrence Hake of Tipton; and two sisters, Mrs. Martha Berendzen of Mary's Home and Mrs. Tillie Krummen of Jefferson City. Two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services were set for 10 am today (Thursday) at Our Lady of the Snows Church, Mary's Home with the Rev. Henry J. Reichert officiating; burial in the parish cemetery there. The rosary was recited Tuesday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon and at 8 PM Wednesday at the home of a brother, Albert Hake, in Mary's Home.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

Delphia L. Wilson, age 97, of Granite City, Illinois, formerly of Iberia, died Sunday, December 7, 2008, at her home. She was born on March 17, 1911, in Miller County, daughter of Willis and Sarrah Ida (Blankenship) Humphrey. On May 4, 1941, in St. Charles, she married Grant Wilson, who preceded her in death on March 9, 2000. She was a member of the Iberia First Christian Church.
She is survived by one sister, Lorene Farless and husband Delmar of Granite City, Illinois; and nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Elmer Humphrey, Allen Humphrey, and Freeman Humphrey.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-12 noon, with services immediately following on Thursday, December 11, 2008, at Rekus Funeral Homes in Iberia. Bro. Stan Way will officiate. Interment will be in the Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Iberia First Christian Church.

Jo Ann Plemmons, age 68, of Iberia, died Sunday, December 7, 2008, at her home. She was born in Iberia on January 10, 1940, daughter of Vernon Castle Sr. and Flossie (Long) Martin. On January 10, 1958, in Iberia, she married Donald Clark Plemmons, who preceded her in death on September 13, 1991. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church.

She is survived by one son, Rory Plemmons of Iberia; three daughters, Rachelle Mason and husband Ron of Weatherby, Tammy Anderson and husband James of Kansas City, and Kimberley Lassiter and husband Robert of Camdenton; and eight grandchildren, Shanna Utter, Matthew Mason, Tyler Mason, Shelby Mason, Alecia Anderson, James Dean Anderson, Mandy Lucas, and Amber Lucas.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother Vernon Castle Martin Jr.; and one grandchild, Seasons Mason.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at Rekus Funeral Homes in Iberia. Bro. Stan Way will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House.

James “Junior” Wheat, age 71, of St. Elizabeth, died Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born on March 14, 1937, in Jefferson City, son of Arthur and Mary (Wagner) Wheat. On September 4, 2004, he was married to Janette Kay (Humphrey) Campbell, who survives. He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed country music and was a devoted husband.

Other survivors include two stepchildren, Brenda Duncan and J. R. Campbell both of Iberia; three step grandchildren, Shanda Duncan, Chad Duncan, and Bradley Duncan all of Iberia; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Louis, Charles, and Edward Wheat; and two sisters, Dorothy Bryan and Anna Marie Dusheke.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12, at Hickory Hill Cemetery. Rev. Ryan Haider will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Junior Wheat Memorial Fund.

David John “Dave” Kalaf, age 62, of Meta, went to be with the Lord surrounded by his family on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia. He was born in Jefferson City on November 8, 1946, son of the late Joseph and Lilly Mary (Owen) Kalaf.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of Vietnam. He served his country from October 1964 until August 1983 and was a Chief Petty Officer. He retired from the Missouri Veterans Affairs/Commission. He enjoyed cars and was a member of the Classic Mustang Club. He was an avid supporter of the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia. He was a former deputy sheriff of Osage County.

Dave was a lifelong resident of Meta. He enjoyed his family and many friends and volunteering for the Meta Fire and Rescue. When he was no longer physically able to assist on calls, he cooked a nice meal for the volunteer rescue teams when they had classes for certification training.
and other studies in Meta. He knew these very dedicated volunteers would be hungry at the end of their workday schedule.

Dave is the “favorite uncle” to nearly 50 nieces and nephews. He loved them dearly and always remembered their birthdays, baptisms, graduations, and weddings. He was available for the kids and encouraged them to do their best in school and to be good. For 20 years or more, Dave hosted a “Back-to-School Bar-B-Q” in his home. The kids looked forward to this big event. Survivors include two brothers, Anthony J. Kalaf and wife Cheryl, Philip J. Kalaf and wife Cindy all of Jefferson City; five sisters, JoAnn Farris and husband Joe of Kansas City, Helen Marie Jaegers and husband Robert, Eva C. Kalaf, Sara Jaegers and husband Charles, Emily Eggen and husband Gary all of Jefferson City; one aunt, Evelyn Maroun and husband Paul of Kansas City; one uncle, Fred Damas of Kansas City; nieces and nephews; and a multitude of cousins.

Visitaton will be from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, at Rekus Funeral Home in Meta.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, at St. Cecilia Cemetery in Meta. Rev. David Avery will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Meta Fire Protection District.

Daily Capital News, Tuesday, August 22, 1967

Mrs. Pearl Meredith, 73, died Sunday afternoon at her home near Iberia. She was born Feb. 24, 1894, near Iberia, the daughter of Lewis and Mary Hagan Winfrey. On July 16, 1911, she married Marshall M. Meredith, who died Sept. 10, 1961.

Survivors include: One daughter, Mrs. Beulah Phillips, Ulman; four sons, Gerald Meredith, Redwood City, Calif.; James Noble Meredith, Seattle, Wash., Paul and Eugene Meredith, both of Iberia; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Meredith was a member of the Mt. Union Church of Christ, near Brumley, where funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, with Brother Farris Wall officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Union Cemetery. Mrs. Meredith's body will be at the family home near Iberia.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

Donna E. Gerding, 86, of Eldon, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, December 09, 2008 at 10:04 AM at Capital Region Hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri. Donna Ethel Cobb was born in Montgomery City, Missouri on November 01, 1922 to John Allen and Ethel Mae (Hudson) Cobb. She was raised on their farm south of town in a loving home with parents and three brothers and three sisters. In the eve of her baby sister’s birth she walked with her older brother Warren and cousins to a dance in Danville, Missouri there she met the love of her life Leroy W. Gerding of Warrenton, Missouri. They were married February 20, 1937 and to this union a daughter Lillian M. and son Donald W. Gerding were born. They resided in Warrenton until 1993 and retired to the Lake Ozark area in Rocky Mount, Missouri.

Donna clerked several stores in Warrenton in her life, she was self taught and learned very quickly. Sewing became a passion; she created clothing for her children, and in later years when she became quite active in politics, campaigning for several senators and congressmen. She sewed her own gowns to wear to inaugurations and conventions. She loved crafting and macramé and made decorative lights for the outside of campers she and Leroy took to Cloud Nine Resort where they were members for many years. She made Christmas wreaths and quilts for her children and grandchildren. Her home was always home to any friend or relatives. Donna and Leroy planned summer vacations and always took their children and Leroy’s parents visiting many states of the union over the years. Donna worked for the Department of Revenue in the License Bureau until she retired. In 1964 she decided to be a Real Estate salesperson and went to school for that. She and Leroy were members of Friedens Evangelical United Church of Christ in Warrenton, Missouri. She was a member of the Dorcas Society there. Most of all she loved her home and family, holidays were special times. She loved the gift of giving. Donna and Leroy
loved dancing and bowling, they were always happy doing everything together. They renewed
their marriage vows with 17 family members present at the Chapel of the Fountain in Las Vegas,
Nevada on February 20, 1987, on their 50th wedding anniversary. On February 20, 1997 they
celebrated a gathering of friends and family at the Community Center in Eldon, Missouri for their
60th anniversary.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leroy W. Gerding, brothers; John T. Cobb, Warren Cobb and Jerry Cobb, sisters; Ora Elizabeth Cobb, Marie Elfrink and Ruth
Edwards.

Donna leaves daughter, Lillian and (John) Patterson of Eldon, Missouri. Son Donald and
(Vicki) Gerding of Yuma, Arizona, grandchildren Harold Bergman of Klamath Falls, Oregon,
Sherry and (Roger) Hirschvogel of Russellville, Missouri, Jerri Lynn and (ED) Ruskamp, of Lees
Summit, Missouri, Lisa and (Bruce) McConnell of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Susan and (Gary)
Hartman of Boston, Mass., Scott and (Patty) Gerding of Rocky Mount, Missouri and John M.
Patterson of Portland Oregon. Great grandchildren, Heather and (Matt) Dean of Evansville,
Indiana, Amanda and (Jason) Gates of Wasilla, Alaska, Jesseca Gerding of Seattle, Washington,
Traci and Jordan Faiferlick of Osage Beach, Missouri, Emily Ruskamp of Lees Summit,
Missouri, Tully, Connor, Shannon and Delaney McConnel of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Wendi,
Andrew, Tyler and Ryan Hartman of Boston, Mass. Great-great grandchildren; Stacia Olivia
Dean of Evansville, Indiana, Iver G. Gates of Wasilla, Alaska; sister, Mary and (Robert) Perry of
Independence, Missouri; Sister-in-laws, Lucille Cobb of Springfield, Missouri, Bonnie Cobb, of
Klamath Falls, Oregon, And Gloria Cobb Church of Strasburg, Va. Donna leaves her dear friends
at Lee House in Eldon, Missouri, her pastor Chris Reynolds and friends at Ninth Street Christian
Church in Eldon, Missouri and numerous, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donna was a beautiful lady, inside and out, always cheerful and full of fun. She refused
believing that she had ever aged. Her mind was always young and her spirit was always free. She
is greatly and sadly missed.

Visitation will be Friday, December 12, 2008 for 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Phillips Funeral
Home in Eldon, Missouri. An additional visitation will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008
from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at Martin Funeral Home in Warrenton, Missouri. Funeral Service will be
Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Martin Funeral Home in Warrenton, Missouri with
Chris Reynolds, Minister officiating. Interment will be at the Warrenton Cemetery following the
service. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart
Foundation, or to the donor’s choice.

Doug Hart, 49, of Columbia, Missouri died Thursday, December 11, 2008 in Columbia,
Missouri. He was born on August 19, 1959 in Tuscumbia, Missouri the son of Kenneth and
Lucille (Bax) Hart who survive in Eldon, Missouri. He was a member of the Catholic Faith. He
will be sadly missed by his family and numerous friends.

He is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Lucille (Bax) Hart of Eldon, Missouri, two
sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Mike Mulcahy of Versailles, Missouri, Linda and Tim
Reynolds of Lake Ozark, Missouri; six brothers and sisters-in-law: Terry and Cathy Hart of Lake
Ozark, Missouri, Gordon and Karen Hart of Eldon, Missouri, John and Ruby Hart of Hermitage,
Missouri, Richard and Nancy Hart of Russellville, Missouri, Todd and Chris Hart of Russellville,
Missouri, Michael and Patty Hart of Eugene, Missouri, sister-in-law: Peggy Hart of Olathe,
Kansas along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by a brother Ronald Hart, and a niece Lindsey Hart.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at
Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, Missouri. Memorial Service will be held on Monday,
December 15, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, Missouri with the
Rev. Mr. Gary Christoff officiating. His body has been cremated and private interment will take
place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to in care of the family.

**Maurice L. Simpson**, 78, of Eldon, Missouri, died on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at Eldon Nursing and Rehab in Eldon, Missouri. He was born on March 05, 1930 in Tuscumbia, Missouri the son of the late Dolph and Golda (Agee) Simpson. He is married to Dianna (Pryor) Simpson.

He served in the United States Army stationed in Germany during the Korean Conflict. He worked for the Missouri Dept. of Corrections for 11 years and he was a lifetime mechanic in the Eldon area.

He is survived by his wife, Dianna Simpson of Eldon, Missouri; three daughters and sons-in-law, Marcella L. Graham of Jefferson City, Missouri, Jeanette A. and (Randy) Wilkerson of Lohman, Missouri, Lorretta M. and (Tim) Humphrey of Eldon, Missouri; two sons and daughter-in-law, Lonnie L. and (Glenna) Simpson of Rocky Mount, Missouri, Loren D. Simpson of Rocky Mount, Missouri and the children’s mother Ella Dean (Polly) Simpson, three step-children; eight grandchildren: Nikki Libbert, Todd Graham, Matthew Wilkerson, Lori Acock, Will Simpson, Courtney and Megan Humphrey and Chance Simpson; six great grandchildren; two sisters, Joann Jarrett of Jefferson City, Missouri and Wanda Wright of Kansas City, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers Junior, Gene, Jewell and Don Simpson.

Visitation will be on Saturday, December 13, 2008 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri. Funeral Service will be on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri with the Bro. John Shifflet officiating. Interment will be in the Union Cemetery in Rocky Mount, Missouri with full military honors be provided at the graveside by Eldon VFW Post #2442 of Eldon. Memorials are suggested to Union Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

**Josephine Sussane Herx**, age 96, of Meta, died Thursday, December 11, 2008, at St. Mary’s Health Center. She was born in Marys Home on November 19, 1912, daughter of Theodore and Anna (Hake) Beutel. On October 15, 1935, in Meta, she married Clem Theodore Herx, who preceded her in death on December 1, 1990.

She was active in making quilts for the Meta Parish Picnic and worked many years as a seamstress at several factories in central Missouri. She was also a babysitter in Meta for 15 years. She loved quilting, fishing, and dancing. She especially enjoyed making quilts for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta.

She is survived by one son, Joe Herx of Jefferson City; two daughters, Annie Brandt and Dorothy Rotter both of Jefferson City; one stepsister, Mathilda Kroll Bax of Wardsville; five grandchildren; one step grandson; seven great-grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by six siblings, Mary F. Beutel Bungart, Elizabeth M. Beutel Berendzen, Sophia K. Beutel Stegman, Minnie Beutel Werdenhausen, Clement J. Beutel, and Bernard H. Beutel; one step sister, Rosa Kroll; and one great-grandson, Tyler LePage.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2008, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta. Rev. Mark Porterfield will officiate. Interment will be in St. Cecilia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at the church.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, December 11, 2008

**Jessica Lee Phillips**, 26, of Tulsa, Okla., died Friday, Dec. 4, 2008, when the vehicle she was driving was struck by another in Tulylsa. She was born June 4, 1982, in Midland, Texas, to Kenneth Dale and Rebecca Philips, who survive in Knoxville, Ark.
Also surviving are her maternal grandmother, Donna Lee Williams of Knoxville, Ark., and area aunts and uncles, Glenda Shackleford, Jessie Wayne Phillips, Lonnie Phillips, Louie Phillips and Mark Phillips, all of Brumley. Her paternal grandparents, Jesse E. and Glennis Chloe Phillips preceded her in death.

Miss Phillips attended school in Russellville, Ark., and became home schooled in her latter high school years. She won a full presidential scholarship at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, and was graduated summa cum laude from the Honors College at UCA. She received a scholarship from the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, and completed her masters degree in creative writing. She also worked on a PhD at that school for about two years and planned to complete the degree and teach creative writing. She moved to Tulsa late last summer.

Visitation was held Monday at Hardwicke Funeral Home in Clarksville, Ark. A.W. Goff, minister at the East Side Church of Christ in Russellville, Ark., read her obituary and led in prayer. As per her request, she was buried Tuesday with paternal family members. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. at Rodden Cemetery near Brumley.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, November 27, 2008


He is survived by his wife, Patricia “Pat” Robinson of the home, along with three sons, three daughters, two sisters, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, with a memorial service at 730 p.m. Graveside services and burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley. Memorials may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Monday, December 1, 2008

Hazel Marriott, age 91, of Eldon, formerly of Versailles, died Saturday, November 29, 2008 at St. Mary’s Health Center, Jefferson City.

She is survived by a son, Gary (Carole) Marriott, Eldon; a daughter, Gail (Wayne) Overbeck, Columbia; a brother, Kenneth (Clarice) Vessels, Durant, Okla.; a sister, Edna Mae (Bobby) Rorie, Durant, Okla.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 2, at Scrivner-Morrow Funeral Home, Versailles, with burial in Versailles Cemetery. Friends will be received from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

The Miller County Autogram, Thursday, November 20, 2008

Freddie M. Spearman Carroll, daughter of the late Fred and Eunice Spearman of Iberia, died October 30 2008. Mrs. Carroll was graduated from Iberia High School and Iberia Junior College, and taught school in St. Louis.

She was married to the late Dr. Roy Carroll of St. Louis. She is survived by children and their spouses, Diane and Roy Siebert, Nancy and Steven Pizzolato and David Carroll; seven grandchildren; and two sisters, Juanita Dake and Dorothy Greene. One sister, Betty Bruemmet, preceded her in death.

Services and interment were at Jefferson Barracks Memorial Cemetery in St. Louis on Nov. 3.

Jesse Dale Ballenger, son of Ruben and Georgia Ballenger, departed this life on November 18, 2008, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center. He was ninety-three years old.
Jess was born in Miller County on August 28, 1915. He attended Warren School, Brumley High and Central Missouri State University. He later returned to Warren School as a teacher. On August 21, 1937, he was united in marriage to Fern Lee George, and they were blessed with two sons, James and Maurice Lee Ballenger. Jess became God’s child through holy baptism at First Christian Church in Richland, where he was a member for almost seventy years.

In addition to his loving wife, Jess is survived by son Jim and his wife Beth of Richland; son Maurice and his wife Deborah of Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, Adam, Lisa and Scott; four great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Clark, sisters Jean and Kate and grandson Jon.

Although he enjoyed teaching, Jess longed to be outside so he became an auctioneer, a cattleman and a mechanic. He is perhaps best known for his “Shop” where he repaired tractors and farm equipment for the surrounding community. When Jess closed the doors to his business in the 1980s, he continued to make occasional repairs, but for free since he was “retired”.

Fishing was his favorite past time, but he was also an avid reader, inventor and musician. He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Jesse’s life was held at First Christian Church in Richland on November 21, with interment following at Freedom Cemetery.

Dance like nobody’s watching…….

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

Herman Mendoza Lara, age 78, of Iberia, died Friday, December 12, 2008, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center. He was born in Santa Barbara, California, on May 27, 1930, son of Marcos and Ynez (Mendoza) Lara. On October 20, 1955, in Trieste, Italy, he was married to Evelina Martini, who survives at the home.

He joined the Army in 1946 and was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. His first assignment was in the Army of Occupation following World War II in Trieste, Italy. He served in infantry units in Ulm, Germany, Ft. Lewis, Washington, Germany, and Ft. Leonard Wood. During his 21 years of service, he earned multiple campaign ribbons, two Purple Hearts, a combat infantry badge, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He retired as a Staff Sergeant in 1967. After his retirement from the military, he worked for Civil Service for over 20 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Plato and the Abou Ben Adhem Temple in Springfield. Other survivors include four daughters, Loana Evans and husband Rick of Joplin, Barbara Bakke and husband Doug of Yukon, Oklahoma, Irene Chamberlain and husband Scott of Dumfries, Virginia, and Tina Alderman and husband Bud of Iberia; eight grandchildren, Kirsten Evans, Ashly Daniel, Courtney Evans, Tabitha Pemberton, Tonya Mayhew, Dillon Barnfield, Phillip Roberson, and Michael Chamberlain; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Phil Lara of Santa Barbara, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 15, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Dennis Nichols will officiate. Interment with military honors will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Leland A. Melton, age 89, of Eldon, died Sunday, December 14, 2008, at St. Marys Health Center. He was born in Olean on March 8, 1919, a son of the late Edgar and Maude (Holloway) Melton. On April 1, 1941, in Kansas City, he was married to Nell Ruth Allee, who preceded him in death on November 2, 1997. Leland was a member and former deacon of First Baptist Church in Eldon.

Those who survive him include: his daughter, Mary Kay Ziegler of Merriam, Kansas; three granddaughters, Angela Clevenger of Republic, Andrea Tartar of San Diego, California and Jaye Lee Snowden and husband Shane of Ozark; three grandsons, Jason Ziegler of Merriam,
Kansas, and Paul Ziegler and Eric Ziegler, both of Overland Park, Kansas; three great
grandchildren, Nick Clevenger and Desiree Clevenger, both of San Diego, California and Lydia
Ziegler of Mission, Kansas; two great-great grandchildren, Kaeden Clevenger and Kale
Clevenger, both of San Diego, California; two brothers, Blanton Melton of Springfield and Carl
Melton of Lake Ozark; one sister, Treva Ramel of Blue Springs and numerous nieces and
nephews. His daughter, Barbara Tartar, also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, with services
immediately following at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Eldon. Rev. Bob Buster will
officiate. A private family interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial
contributions are suggested to the Eldon Food Pantry or the Heifer Project International.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

Lola Jean (Coulter) Lay, 71, of Eldon, died Tuesday, December 10, 2008 at University
of Missouri Healthcare in Columbia, Missouri. She was 71 years old. On July 27, 1937 she was
born in Eldon, Missouri to the late William D. and Mary Jean (Carner) Coulter. She was married
on August 3, 1957 in Lake Ozark, Missouri to Donald E. Lay who survives of the home.

Other survivors include:
Three Daughters & Two Sons
Donna Greenland of Millington, Tennessee
Darren Lay of Millington, Tennessee
Leslie Scarbrough of Hawkinsville, Georgia
Donald E. Lay, Jr. of Macon, Missouri
Jessica Lay of Eldon, Missouri
Also surviving are six Grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents.
She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, Missouri, and also a member of
Eastern Star. According to her wishes, private interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of
flowers, memorials are suggested to the American Kidney Foundation.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1933

Oliver F. Musick, a World War veteran who resided near Brumley, died last Sunday
following an illness of several months duration. He is survived by his wife and eight children.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Fred Phillips pastor of the Iberia Baptist Church,
were held Monday afternoon from the Baptist Church in Brumley, and a military burial was given
the body at the Hawkins Cemetery by the American Legion Post of Iberia. Adams & Casey
funeral directors of Iberia had charge.

The passing of Mr. Musick leaves his large family in dire need of the necessities of life.
His long illness, rendering him unable to work, left them destitute and neighbors and members of
the American Legion have been furnishing aid.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1934

Charles Edward Gardner was born February 22, 1932, and departed this life March 7,
1934, being at the time of death, two years and twelve days old. His death was caused by
whooping cough and pneumonia.

He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gardner of Nebraska City, Nebraska.
He leaves to mourn his passing father, mother, two sisters and one brother, besides a host of other
relatives and friends.
Charles was loved by all who knew him and will be sadly missed. He was laid to rest in the Nebraska City Cemetery. The bereaved have the sympathy of all their many friends and relatives.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1933

Sophia Elizabeth Thompson was born August 30, 1868 at Brumley, Missouri. She died at St. John’s Hospital at Springfield, Missouri at 1:00 a.m. Friday, October 20, 1933. She was the daughter of James and Victoria Thompson. The parents moved from Ohio to Missouri a short time before her birth. They settled at the present site of Brumley, establishing the first store at that place.

She was married to Barney Reed on July 1, 1888. To this union were born two children: Mrs. Ralph Reed and Robert J. Reed, both of Eldon. There are three grandchildren: Ruth Reed and Leonard and Dorothy Reed, all of Eldon.

She has two brothers and one sister. Her older brother, Clifford J., preceded her in death about a year ago at Los Angeles, California. Her other brother, Clyde S., lives at Brumley. Her sister, Cora Spearman, lives at Eldon. Her nieces and nephews are as follows: Norma Roberts of Steelville, Missouri; Neal Thompson of Seattle, Washington; Carroll Frye, of Calgary, Canada; Ardis Moore, of Oklahoma; Clay Thompson of Chicago; Sue Thompson, of Brumley; Ruth Hedge, of Hartville; James Spearman and Mrs. T.C. Wright, of Tuscumbia.

She was converted and joined the Baptist Church at Ulman, Missouri on January 27, 1903. Her membership was transferred to the church at Linn Creek on June 7, 1923. She lived a devoted Christian life until the end.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jesse O. Brown at her home in Camdenton, amid a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. She was a member of the Eastern Star at Camdenton, Missouri, and many of her Eastern Star sisters were present to pay her homage. She was a past worthy matron of that Order. She will be missed in her home, in her church at Camdenton, and by her friends throughout Missouri.

Funeral services were in charge of the Phillips Undertakers. Her remains were laid to rest in the Eldon Cemetery, Eldon, Missouri.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1934

Adolph Streumph, formerly of Miller County, died at his home in Granite City, Ill., Thursday, April 11, at the age of 32 years. He had been in ill health for some time and a slight mental derangement is thought to have brought about his untimely death.

Mr. Streumph was married to Miss Grace Humphrey of near Iberia October 5, 1929, shortly after she graduated from Iberia Academy. There were no children born to this union. They have made their home in Granite City practically ever since their marriage, where Mr. Streumph had employment in the Steel Mills. Mrs. Streumph is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anvil Humphrey of near Iberia and Mr. Streumph was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Streumph of St. Elizabeth, well known German people of the county.

C.L. Casey of the Adams & Casey undertaking service of this place went to Granite City last Friday and brought the body of Mr. Streumph back to the home of his parents at St. Elizabeth, where funeral services were held in the Catholic Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o’clock. Burial was in the cemetery at that place. A host of friends and relatives from St. Louis, Granite City, Folk, Westphalia, Vienna, Iberia and other nearby points were in attendance at these services.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1934
Ex-Judge James Colvin Meets Tragic Death

C.L. Casey, embalmer and funeral director of Iberia, was called to prepare the body for burial. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith, were held Sunday afternoon, at 3 o’clock from the Mt. Union Church in Miller County, near the Colvin farm where he and his family lived prior to their moving to Camden County.

Mr. Colvin was born May 4, 1877, being 57 years, 5 months and 2 days of age at the time of his death. He was married to Maggie Cochran (other sources give her maiden name as Fendorf) and to this union thirteen children were born, ten of whom are living. He is also survived by his widow, two sisters and one brother.

Mr. Colvin bore the reputation of being a law abiding and highly respected citizen of the communities in which he resided, and his untimely death is deeply deplored by his many friends and neighbors. He served two terms as associate judge of the county court of Miller County, from the second district, and his services in this capacity proved himself a man of justice and sound judgment.

Ex-Judge James Colvin, formerly of Miller County, met a tragic death last Saturday morning when he was shot and killed on his premises by Samuel McCracken. Both Colvin and McCracken lived on the same farm known as the Dave Wiseman place near Glaize City in Camden County. The farm, which recently fell into the hands of a loan company, was owned by McCracken prior to the time the loan company took over. We are informed that Colvin leased a portion of the farm and moved onto it over a year ago and that McCracken still retained possession of a part of it. It seems that a dispute arose some time ago over possession and the division of the crops which became embittered, culminating in the tragic accident.

According to authentic reports, Colvin went afoot to the field Saturday morning in advance of his sons who were to follow in the wagon. Before advancing far into the field, it is alleged that McCracken had concealed himself, armed with a shotgun, behind a corn shock and as Colvin approached, McCracken fired, the discharge from the weapon hitting Colvin in the shoulder, inflicting a ghastly wound.

No one witnessed the shooting, but judging from the tracks found on the ground, it appeared that Colvin had been able to recover his standing position and when he arose he was shot again, the discharge from the gun this time tearing away the entire front part of his face. McCracken fired, leaving his gun and when the Colvin boys reached the scene of the battle their father was breathing his last.

The sheriff of Camden County was at once notified of the fatal shooting and he joined by a posse of neighbors and other nearby citizens, went in pursuit of the alleged criminal. He was taken near Toronto and after being forced to surrender, he confessed, it is said, to the crime. His alibi was that that he did the shooting in self defense, claiming that Colvin approached him with an open knife, however this statement was refuted by the finding that Colvin’s knife was still closed in his pocket. McCracken was arrested and placed in the Camden County jail at Camdenton to await his preliminary hearing which, we understand, was held Monday.

The Iberia Sentinel, September 1934

Mrs. Mabel Crane of Tuscumbia, widow of Willie Crane (son of Jerry Crane) died at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City Sunday morning about 1:30 from a complication of diseases of which she had been a sufferer for a number of months.

The body was brought back to the home of her mother, Mrs. Cora Fancher of near Tuscumbia, where funeral services, conducted by Rev. Arthur Crouch of Tuscumbia, were held Monday afternoon. Following the services at the home, the body was conveyed in the Adams & Casey funeral coach to the Iberia Cemetery where it was tenderly laid to rest in the family burial lot of her grandfather, Taylor Shelton.
Mrs. Crane leaves four children, mother, brothers and sisters to mourn her passing, her husband having died about four years ago.

Mrs. Ethel Doss (nee Miss Ethel Durham) died at her home in Springfield, Mo., Tuesday of last week following an illness of several months duration. Funeral services were held at 2:30 o’clock last Thursday afternoon in the Alma Lohmeyer Chapel in Springfield and interment was made in Maple Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Doss was the oldest daughter of Mrs. R.M. Livingston of near Iberia and a niece of Mrs. Everett Jones and Mrs. Isaac Sherill also of near Iberia, who were in attendance at the funeral. She was born in Iberia November 24, 1889; died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1934, being at the time 44 years 9 months and 17 days of age. She is survived by her husband, mother, one sister, Mrs. Edith Jones, and one brother, Brice Durham, both of Springfield.

Mrs. Doss had many former acquaintances in the Iberia community who are sorry to learn of her passing. They join in expressing deep sympathy for the bereaved.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1936

Charles Henry Kellison was born in Miller County July 24, 1898; died of tuberculosis in St. Louis Thursday, April 2, 1936, being 37 years, 8 months and 8 days old at the time of his death.

In 1931 he was united in marriage to Irene Keeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keeth of the Brays community, and to this union two children were born, namely: Shirley Jean 2 ½ years old, and Kenneth Karl, 1 year old. He also leaves to mourn his departure two brothers, Billie of DeSoto, Mo. and Fernando of Venice, Ill.; three sisters—Mrs. Dave Belk of St. Louis, Mrs. Lillie Armer of Vienna, Mo.; and Lucy Geromini of Snyder, Mo. His father, William Kellison passed away six weeks ago—February 20th.

Brief funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Alder Springs Church, after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place, under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1936

Louis G. Forbes of this place, another one of the few survivors of the Civil War, departed this life Sunday evening after a two years or more illness. He was widely known throughout south Miller County, having been a citizen of Iberia and vicinity for many years. His death leaves only one Civil War Veteran of the Union Army on the south side of the county, the only survivor being Com. John Ferguson of Iberia.

Louis G. Forbes was born March 26, 1846, in the state of Kentucky. He passed away in Latham’s Hospital in California, Mo. Sunday evening, April 5th, 1936 at the age of 90 years and 10 days. In the year 1874 he was married to Irene Ellen Atwell, who passed away in the year 1901. To them were born seven children, only three living—James Forbes, Mrs. Della Helton and Ethel.

He was a member of the Iberia post of the G.A.R. and his passing leaves only one more member of this once so large a post, Mr. John Ferguson. Mr. Forbes has spent his last several years in Iberia where he had lots of friends among his acquaintance. The past two years of his life has been mostly spent in bed, from which sickness he never recovered, although everything was done for him that could be, even to the end.

Mr. Forbes served his country in the Civil War, being a private in Company L, 1st Regiment of Light Artillery of Missouri.

Brief services under the auspices of the American Legion post at Iberia were held at the Tyler Cemetery east of Iberia Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.
The Crocker News, August 1935

Mary Allen, daughter of E.M. and Eliza Allen, was born in Miller County, Mo., September 5, 1855, and passed away at her home in Springfield, August 3, 1935, at the age of 80 years, 10 months and 28 days.

She was united in marriage to C.L. Brown in 1875 and to this union one daughter was born, passing away in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were among the first residents of Crocker, Mr. Brown having been one of our town’s first merchants. Later they moved to Springfield where they had since made their home. Mr Brown passed away in 1920 and is buried in the Crocker Cemetery.

Those surviving are a sister, Julia A. Miller, of Springfield, and two brothers, J. Walker Allen of Little Rock, Ark., and Louis W. Allen of Wister, Okla.

The body was prepared for burial under the direction of J.W. Klingner of Springfield, and brought to Crocker for burial, funeral services being conducted at the Christian Church Monday afternoon by Rev. C.H. Moneymaker, after which the body was laid to rest in the Crocker Cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1935

George M. Houser, of the community west of Iberia, died early Tuesday morning at the age of 66 years, 3 months and 14 days. About three weeks ago he suffered an infection caused by a tick bite and later this was followed by pneumonia from which he failed to rally.

Mr. Houser formerly lived in the Horseshoe Bend community on the Osage River and during the construction of the Bagnell Dam he sold out to the Union Electric people and bought the Frank Andrews farm about five miles west of Iberia. He was born near Gladstone in Morgan County, April 16, 1869. He is survived by his wife and eight children—five girls and three boys. Two children died in infancy.

Mr. Houser was a long-time member of the Baptist Church and continued to live in that faith until his death.

Funeral services were held at a new community church hear Pruitts Station on Highway 54 near the Lake of the Ozarks, Wednesday afternoon at three o’clock and interment was made in the cemetery at that place under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, June 1936

Everett Bilyeu (spelled Belyeu on the death certificate), 52, farmer of near St. Anthony, was shot by Everett Stark, his neighbor, at noon Sunday and died almost instantly from a charge of No. 2 shot fired at close range from a 10-gauge double-barrel shotgun. The charge struck Bilyeu just below the heart and tore a two-inch hole in Bilyeu’s abdomen, death coming almost instantly.

Stark and Bilyeu lived on the same farm, the Taylor Shelton place. Stark at the old building down on Wimmer Creek and Bilyeu at the log house on that part of the farm known as the George Clark place, which had, in recent years, been purchased and added to the larger creek farm.

According to information available, Stark and his wife had on various occasions in the past, been quarreling. On Saturday, Mrs. Stark left her home and went on the hill to the Bilyeu house. Later in the night, Stark came to the Bilyeu home and demanded that Bilyeu give him a gun which belonged to Mr. Shelton. Bilyeu refused, and Stark claims that Bilyeu fired the gun at him as he was in the act of entering his car, a number of the shot striking the car, but not injuring Stark.

Then early Sunday morning Stark came up to the Bilyeu home and both parties apologized. Later the same morning Bilyeu took with him a bucket of scraps to feed his dog
which he had loaned to Stark, and went down to the Stark home. This was the last time Bilyeu’s family saw him alive.

About 12:30 Stark approached the home of a neighbor, Joe M. Bax, and told him that he had shot Bilyeu, and said he wanted to call Frank Burks of Iberia, deputy sheriff, and give up. Burks then called Sheriff Lafe King, who went to the scene of the tragedy.

Sheriff King found the body of Bilyeu lying in a draw between the garage and the machinery shed. He was lying on his back, his right hand over his head and clutching his cap, while at his side was a pitchfork and near his feet was the bucket of scraps, undisturbed. There were no eye-witnesses to the shooting.

Stark told the Sheriff that Bilyeu threatened him with a pitchfork, and that he fired while standing on the approach to the garage, which was a distance of about eight or ten feet from Bilyeu.

King said further that Stark had phoned to him Saturday night asking him to come down and settle a family quarrel, but that he had refused to do so unless Stark would issue a warrant.

Stark was brought to Tuscumbia and lodged in jail awaiting this report of the Coroner, Dr. J.R. Ellison. The inquest will be held at St. Elizabeth Wednesday afternoon at 2 o’clock of this week.

The body of the victim was taken to Iberia by Adams & Casey, undertakers and burial was held at the Bilyeu Cemetery Tuesday morning at 10 o’clock.

Bilyeu was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fielding Bilyeu and was born and reared on Humphrey’s Creek, eight miles east of Tuscumbia. He was married (his wife being a daughter of John Maylee), and they had three or four children, one son being in CCC camp in California, and three or four children, one son being in CCC camp in California.

John and Arthur Bilyeu of the Humphrey’s Creek community, and Sgt. Roscoe Bilyeu, instructor in the Army school at Ft. Benning, Ga. are brothers.

The Iberia Sentinel, June 1936

Dora Elizabeth Lea Pickering was born July 16, 1881; died June 13th, 1936, age 54 years, 10 months and 27 days. She was married in 1901 to William Pickering who preceded her in death a number of years ago. To this union three children were born, Lena Mae, Mary Lucy and Ollie Susan.

She united with the Baptist Church at an early age. In 1925 she became a charter member of First Church of the Nazarene at Iberia, Mo. Her Christian life was an example of great devotion, she being one of the church’s most faithful members.

She leaves to mourn her passing, three daughters; an aged mother, Mrs. Rebecca S. Lea; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Pankey and Mrs. Laura Duke, both of Dixon, Mo.; a brother, Charley A. Lea of Bourbon, Mo.; several nieces and nephews, and a host of loving friends.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Otto Shearrer were held here in the Nazarene Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o’clock, after which interment was made in the Union Cemetery near Brays.

Mrs. Cleo Cochran, wife of Jabe Cochran of the Keethtown community, died of spinal meningitis Tuesday morning about 1 o’clock following a brief illness. Everything that loving hands and a skilled physician could do to save her life was of no avail.

Due to the nature of the disease, which necessitated strict precaution, only brief services were held at the home, conducted by Revs. Virgil Smith and Frank Moneymaker. Burial was made in the Mt. Union Cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 3 o’clock under direction of Adams & Casey, Iberia undertakers.

Mrs. Cochran was a daughter of Frank McDowell and a twin sister of Mrs. Everett Slawson of near Iberia. Her age was 25 years, two months and 26 days. The immediate members of her family that survive her are her husband and three small children—two sons and a daughter.
The Iberia Sentinel, November 1936

Little Herbert Jackie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keeth, was born November 20, 1936 and died Nov. 22, 1936 at 10:30 a.m., being 37 hours old. He leaves to mourn his death—father and mother, two brothers and a sister, Roy, Lewis and Earsie Mae.

He only budded on earth to blossom in Heaven

Dear little Herbert Jackie, our home was made so happy by your coming, but was made so very lonely and our hearts made so sad when thou did depart. Like a dew-drop, you were dropped into our hands. Why you faded from earth so soon, in Heaven we hope some day to understand.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1936

This community was saddened latter part of last week when the news was chronicled that Mrs. Elmer Karr, one of our fine Christian women, and her two infant babes (girls) were dead. Mrs. Karr became critically ill on Friday and was rushed to the Wallace Hospital in Lebanon in the Adams & Casey ambulance. The twin girls were stillborn Friday night and their mother passed away Saturday evening, thus leaving a once happy home a place of sorrow which will be hard to erase.

The mother and her infant babes were brought back to Iberia and prepared for burial, all three in the same casket by Adams and Casey, local funeral directors.

Frances Kinder was born August 1897, in Chicago, where she spent the first few years of her life. Because of the death of her mother, when she was only three years of age, she was sent to the Deaconess Home at Dover, Illinois. It was at Dover that she received her public school education, and it was during these years that she made a profession of Christian faith and united with the Congregational Church at that place. A few years ago she had her membership transferred to the Congregational Church of Iberia.

Through the influence of Rev. Cotton, who was pastor at Dover, Illinois and who had been a former pastor in Iberia, and Prof. Smith, Mrs. Karr came to Iberia where she studied in the Academy. It was here that she met Mr. Elmer Karr who later became her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Karr were united in marriage June 17, 1923 in the Congregational Church at Dover, Illinois. After their marriage they came to Iberia and in this vicinity have made their home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Karr six children were born, namely Charles, Emma, Howard, Eula May and the infant twins. Mrs. Karr has always been a courageous woman, an affectionate wife and mother and a woman of good Christian character. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, her four children, two sisters, Mrs. Sophie Rapp of Chicago and Mrs. Bessie Lottis of Crown Point, Indiana, and a number of relatives.

Mrs. Karr died at the Wallace Hospital in Lebanon Saturday, October 17. She was taken to the hospital on Friday. Funeral services were conducted at the home west of Iberia by Rev. P.J. Eckhoff and Professor G. Byron Smith. Burial was made at the Hickory Point Cemetery under the direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

There are some apparent discrepancies/errors in the following obituary. Her death certificate lists her birth as 19 Aug 1870. If she had been married on the date shown here, she would have been 10 years old. Informant on her death certificate was Lucy Rowden Dake. Her husband’s death certificate lists his date of death as 3 Mar 1915.

Mrs. Mary Rowden, who had been in poor health for some time, died of a heart attack last Friday here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Dake, with whom she was making her home. Mrs. Mary (Burks) Rowden was born in Iberia August 19, 1871, being 65 years, two months and four days old at the time of her death.

She was married to Joseph Rowden Nov. 8, 1880, and to this union seven children were born, two dead and five living, Mrs. Daisey Hickey, Topeka, Kansas; Pat Rowden, Whiting,
Indiana, Mrs. George Dake, Iberia, Missouri, Mrs. Pearl Henson, Dixon, Missouri, and Otto Rowden, St. Anthony, Missouri.

At the age of thirteen she became a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Rowden died March 3, 1914. Mrs. Rowden was the last surviving member of the Burks family, her two brothers having passed away several years ago.

For many years prior to the death of Mr. Rowden, they owned and operated a farm a few miles northeast of Iberia. Since that time Mrs. Rowden has been spending a good portion of her time among her children.

Funeral services conducted by reverend Bill Akery of Dixon, were held in the Iberia Church of the Nazarene Sunday afternoon, after which interment was made in the Bray’s Cemetery four miles east of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1936

Funeral services were held for Mr. Sam Allen of Dixon at the Pleasant Hill Christian Church southwest of Iberia, last Thursday, Eld. Frank Moneymaker conducting the services. Interment was made in the cemetery at that place.

Mr. Allen, about 80 years of age, died at the Rolla hospital of an abdominal ailment Monday night of last week. He was a blind pensioner and had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. James Watson, in Dixon for the past few years. His wife, oldest sister of James Long of Iberia, sister of James Long of Iberia, died in 1920. He and his family lived in the Pleasant Hill community at that time.

Mr. Allen is survived by two daughters who live in Dayton, Ohio and one daughter and two sons in Dixon.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1936

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphrey, of near the Union Church east of Iberia, was the scene of another tragic accident Tuesday morning shortly before noon hour, when their fourteen-year-old granddaughter, Grace Genevieve Eiffert, daughter of William Eiffert of south of Iberia, met almost instant death from the accidental discharge of a 22 rifle in the hands of her sixteen-year-old brother, Carl. She lived only about forty minutes after she was shot.

Carl had just traded for the gun, had brought it home and was, in some manner, trying to adjust the shell. He was standing up and his sister, Grace Genevieve, was sitting down in a chair near him when the gun accidentally went off. The ball entered her right side and ranged downward and it is thought that it lodged in one of the vertebrae of the spine, since she was rendered unconscious and lived only a short time.

Since the death of her mother on March 12, 1928, Grace Genevieve, her younger sister, Marjorie, age 13, and her brother, Carl, have been making their home with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey.

As the Sentinel goes to press, according to present arrangements, funeral services will be held at the Union Church, four miles east of Iberia, Thursday morning at ten o’clock. It is not definitely known at this time who will preach the funeral discourse. The entire community mourns the untimely death of this young lady.

The Iberia Sentinel, May 1937

William Henry Eiffert, son of William and Mary Eiffert, was born at Missoula, Mont., Dec. 13, 1894. Death came to him Sunday, May 23, 1937, from drowning.

He came with his parents to Miller County in 1915. On April 15, 1917, he was married to Miss Myrta Humphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphrey of the Brays community. To this union was born three children, Carl, Genevieve and Margie. His first wife and one daughter preceded him in death.
On June 30, 1930, he was married to Miss Marian Rice of Webster Groves, Mo. To this union no children were born. Those surviving to cherish his memory are: his wife, Mrs. Marian Rice Eiffert, two children, parents, three brothers, three sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services, conducted by Bro. Ebe of the International Bible Students of St. Louis, were held Tuesday, June 1, 1937, at Union Church and interment made in the cemetery at that place under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service.

The Iberia Sentinel, July 1936
The body of Mrs. Harry Bassett (Esther Mae), who was killed in an automobile accident at Modesto, Calif. Sunday, July 26, was shipped back to Miller County for burial the latter part of last week and funeral services were held at Union Church near Brays last Saturday afternoon, after which interment was made in the cemetery at that place.

Mr. Bassett with his husband and brother, Floyd Watson, and wife went to Modesto last winter. She is survived by a few months old baby, her husband, her parents, one brother and three sisters. Mrs. Bassett was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watson of northwest of Dixon.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1936
James Garfield Messersmith, son of Hiram and Harriet Messersmith was born near Iberia in Miller County on November 23rd, 1880 and died in St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, October 15, 1936, being at the time of his death fifty-five years, ten months, and twenty-two days old.

On May 16, 1909, he was married in the Christian Church at Tuscumbia to Miss Anna Clark. To this union four children were born—Clark, who is in the U.S. Navy; Carl, who is teaching in Linn Creek public school; Martha Elizabeth and Mary Francis. He united with the Christian Church at Tuscumbia early in life and later transferred his membership to the Methodist Church in Linn Creek.

He received his education at the Iberia Academy and the University of Missouri. He taught in the public school of Miller County for several years and was principal of the Tuscumbia High School in 1908 and 1909. He was county superintendent of schools of Miller County from 1909 to 1915, being the first person to hold that position in Miller County under the present law. He was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. at Eldon and Fulton for several years. During the construction of the Bagnell Dam he was employed by Stone & Webster, afterward locating at Linn Creek where his family now resides.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother and three sisters, Sarah, Della and Harriet. Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his loss a brother and two sisters, Charles of Tuscumbia, Mrs. D.M. Blanton of Chilhowee and Mrs. E.T. Thompson of Beaumont, California. Also a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church at Tuscumbia by the pastor of the Methodist Church of Linn Creek.

Information I have from other reliable sources gives the following individual's name as William Riley Keeth, not Wriley R. Keeth. I'm typing this obituary as it appeared in the paper.

The Iberia Sentinel, February 1936
Wriley R. Keeth passed away at his home near Panama, Oklahoma Saturday, February 8, of pneumonia. If he had lived only a few hours longer until Sunday morning, he would have reached the age of 71 years. He had been in poor health for the past two or three years.

Mr. Keeth was well known in Iberia and vicinity, he having resided on a farm near Iberia for many years prior to his moving to Oklahoma about nineteen years ago. He reared a large family of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, all of whom are living, the father's death being the first in the family. The children are Frank of Wheatland, Calif., Eddie of Corona, Calif., Elmer of Iberia, Mo., Lloyd, Leonard, Arthur, Roy and Ralph (twins), Walter, Mrs. James

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Slone and Mrs. Evelyn Johnston, all of Panama, Okla., and Mrs. Clara Hale of Longview, Washington. All were present except Frank and Mrs. Clara Hale. Besides the children he is survived by his wife, 62 years of age, two brothers and one sister, namely: Johnta and Simon Keeth and Mrs. Robert Whittle, all of near Iberia, Mo.

Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church at Shady Point near Panama and interment was made in the cemetery at that place under direction of the Heavener Burial Association. The many relatives and friends here of the deceased join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 1936

Mrs. George Winfrey, an aged lady of the community east of Brumley, died Thursday, April 23, after a long illness. Funeral services were held on Friday 24 and burial made in the Hawkins Cemetery under direction of Adams & Casey funeral services of Iberia.

This makes the third death in this home during the past few months. On January 31, Mrs. Wilfred Winfrey died of pneumonia and on February 6th Mrs. Walter Groce, mother of Mrs. Winfrey also died of pneumonia which she contracted while waiting on her daughter.

According to this obituary, Mrs. George Winfrey's mother was Mrs. Walter Groce. However, the death certificate for Mrs. George Winfrey lists the deceased wife as Sarah Jane Hurt, daughter of Elzy and Elizabeth Jane Garman Hurt.

Mrs. Wilfred Winfrey, also mentioned, is Ersa Ellen Groce, daughter of Walter P. and Bertha Thornsberry Groce.

Jefferson City News Tribune, April 7, 2006

Mrs. Anna S. Lampe, age 79 years, of Jefferson City, Missouri, died Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born May 11, 1926, at Brumley, Missouri, the daughter of Fred and Leona Phillips Musick. She was married May 25, 1946, at Jefferson City, Missouri, to Orville W. Lampe, who preceded her in death on February 29, 1992.

She had attended the schools at Brumley, Missouri and was a member of St. Peters Catholic Church. Mrs. Lampe was a homemaker and had also been employed at the International Shoe Factory.

She is survived by her children, Judy Dietzel and her husband, Jr., of Centertown, Missouri., Gary W. Lampe of Holts Summit, Missouri., Brenda Durham and her husband, John, of Holts Summit, Missouri., Kathy Durham and her husband, Claude, of Tebbetts, Missouri., and Ted W. Lampe and his wife, Lisa, of Centertown, Missouri.; two sisters, Lorene Schroer of New Bloomfield, Missouri., and Lilly Whitaker of Salem, Missouri.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

Funeral service will be held at the Buescher Memorial Home, Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Donald Lammers officiating. Interment will be in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens (Jefferson City, Missouri). Visitation will be held at the Buescher Memorial Home, Friday, 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Buescher Memorial Home.

The Unterrified Democrat, June 1974

Miss Dolly P. Musick, 80 of Jefferson City, died Thursday (6 June 1974) at a Mokane nursing home. A native of Scrivner in Cole County, Miss Musick was born Dec. 11, 1893, the daughter of C. O. C. and Leona Scrivner Musick. She was never married. For many years Miss Musick taught school at Russellville and Jefferson City. She retired 12 years ago from the Missouri Conservation Commission.

Survivors include: one sister, Mrs. L. M. Bond, Garden City, Kans.; and one brother, Lester T. Musick, St. Louis.
Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at the Scrivner Funeral Home, Russellville with the Rev. James Pemberton officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Carmel Cemetery near Russellville.

The Unterrified Democrat, October 1972

Mrs. Mathilda Rehagen, 68, died Thursday (19 Oct. 1972) at St. Mary's Hospital following a long illness. Mrs. Rehagen was born Feb. 17, 1904, at St. Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry and Mary Lindenbusch. Mrs. Rehagen was married to the late John Rehagen May 13, 1924 at St. Elizabeth.

Survivors include: Three brothers - Theodore Lindenbusch, St. Anthony; Ben Lindenbusch, St. Louis, and Steve Lindenbusch, St. Elizabeth; three sisters, Mrs.Nettie Voss and Mrs. Elizabeth Oligschlaeger, both of St. Anthony, and Mrs. Martha Dickniete, St. Louis; Six sons - Leonard Rehagen, Normandy; Norbert Rehagen, St. Elizabeth; Arnold Rehagen, Edward Rehagen, James Rehagen and David Rehagen, all of Jefferson City, two daughters; Mrs. Albert Buechter and Mrs. Bernice Schulte of St. Anthony; 45 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday with the Rev. Joseph Patrick O'Rourke officiating at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements are by Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

Clarence S. Bax, age 82, of St. Elizabeth, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born in St. Elizabeth on January 24, 1926, son of the late Steve and Rose (Luetkemeyer) Bax. On May 8, 1948, in St. Elizabeth, he married Rita Christine Gerling, who preceded him in death on January 20, 2007.

Clarence was an Army veteran and served in Europe during World War II. After returning from the war he lived in St. Louis until moving back to St. Elizabeth in 1966. He also worked as a machinist for Edwards Equipment Company. Clarence was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

He is survived by four sons, John Bax and wife Marlene of Meta, Eugene Bax and wife Cindy of Ulman, James Bax and wife Brenda of Clayton, and Thomas Bax of St. Elizabeth; thirteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and five siblings, Ella Otto of St. Elizabeth, Stanley Bax of St. Elizabeth, Steve Bax Jr. of Wardsville, Emma McNew of Wardsville, and Jerline Morland of Jefferson City.

He was also preceded in death by one son, Joseph Bax; one daughter Kerry Booth; three brothers, Charlie Bax, Wilford Bax, and Walter Bax; and one sister, Mildred Lacey.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 22, 2008, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Clarence Wiederholt will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of the Iberia VFW Post 6167 and American Legion Post 105 will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery in St. Elizabeth. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, at the St. Elizabeth Community Center. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

Bessie Mable Rowden, age 83, of Iberia, died Thursday, December 25, 2008, at Woodland Manor in Springfield. She was born in Iberia on January 9, 1925, daughter of George Washington and Mary Etta (Rook) Beal. On July 26, 1942, in Swedeborg, she was married to Willard Jackson Rowden, who preceded her in death on March 4, 2005.

She lived on a dairy farm near Iberia where she worked with her husband. She had also worked for H.D. Lee Manufacturing in Richland, L.B. Manufacturing in Iberia, and as a housekeeper at Holiday Inn in Lake Ozark. She loved making quilts and writing poetry and
songs. She also enjoyed cooking large family meals. She was a member of Goodwill Baptist Church near Crocker.

Survivors include four sons, Danny Rowden, Michael Rowden, Johnnie Rowden, and Patrick Rowden all of Iberia; three daughters, Bonnie Plemmons of Iberia, Zonetta Loney of Springfield, and Tina Rowden of Brumley; one brother, Leonard Beal of El Dorado Springs, Kansas; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, George Elmer Rowden; one infant son, Willard Jackson Rowden Jr.; one infant daughter, Deanna June Rowden; and one infant grandson, William Scott Rowden.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Friday, December 26, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Danny Cochran officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

THE MILLER COUNTY VIDETTE, Tuscumbia, MO, Thursday October 14, 1875

"Last week we noticed the death of one of our most respected citizens, Owen Riggs. We will now attempt a review of his life. He was born in Tyler Co., West Virginia. Was usually called the 'long reach' on the Ohio River. At his death he was 59 years old.

From boyhood, he was raised on a farm on which he was born, and was an industrious and faithful boy, he thus worked until manhood. At this time he done some boating on the Ohio and Missipp (sic) at odd spels when not busy on the farm.

In the year 1838, he came to Miller County and pur chased some real estate with a view of someday locating here, but remained on the Virginia farm and continued boating here, but remained on the Virginia farm and continued boating on the Ohio and Mississippi until 1844 when he came to Miller Co. to live.

One of his first deeds and boldest ventures of his eventful life, was the building of a flat boat on the Travern (Tavern) creek in this county, load it with pork, taking it down the Osage, Missouri and Mississippi rivers into the Yazoo Pass, trading. Finally went down the Mississippi and closed out his load of pork at Vicksburg. He then came back to Miller Co., where he engaged in farming, raising stock, buying and shipping to a very great extend.

In 1847, he married the daughter of Henry C. Lurton, by whom he had 2 daughters, who are both living and married. His first wife died in 1858. In 1863 he married Madada (Malinda) Birdsong, by whom he had 2 children who are now living to mourn his loss.

In 1857, he went into partnership with D. Cunningham (Daniel Cummings) in which venture he lost heavily. During these many years he bought wheat, corn, and tobacco and shipped it. Cororants (cronies) took advantage of his kindness and nichered from him.

He died comparitive poor. His father is still living on the old farm where Owen started in life and is now over 100 years old (born circa 1775). We believe he has but one brother living, Edmond Riggs, who is a resident of this county. During the war the Bushwhackers, supposing him to have a large amount of money and in attempting to force him to disgorge, they built a fire in the woods and burned his legs into a crisp, from which he suffered for many years. In fact, it shattered his constitution so that he never recovered his former self. This was one of the most self (sic) acts that was perpetrated during the War in this part of Missouri.

This imperfect and brief sketch is all we can give as it is next to impossible to get the correct data. We have lost one of our worthiest citizens. May his departed spirit rest in peace....."

NOTE: Owen Riggs established the original town of Old St. Elizabeth on the Osage River in 1869, located on the east bank. He helped to establish the first Catholic Church in Miller Co. when it was built at Old St. Elizabeth about 1870. Owen Riggs once owned 6000 acres in Miller County in its early days. It took 9 years to settle his estate after his death. With his death came the slow demise of Old St. Elizabeth on the Osage.
The Iberia Sentinel, January 1937

Little **Jackie Lee Duncan**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duncan, was born February 3, 1936; died January 19, 1937, being at the time of death 11 months, 2 weeks and 5 days old. He took sick three weeks ago with pneumonia fever. Jackie bore his suffering very faithfully to the end.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duncan of Crocker; two grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayman Duncan of Crocker, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Connor of Iberia; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Ponder and Mrs. Nancy A. Connor, besides a host of other relatives and friends. Jackie Lee was loved by all that knew him.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. John Phillips of Iberia, were held at Pleasant Hill Christian Church southwest of Iberia Thursday, January 21, and burial made in the cemetery at that place.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1934

**Mrs. Johnta Keeth**, of the community west of Iberia, was gored by an infuriated cow last Saturday morning when she went to the barn to milk. In attempting to separate the mother cow from her young calf, the cow became enraged and began to hook Mrs. Keeth, inflicting with her horns serious injuries about the face, leg and breast. She received two ugly lacerations on the cheek and forehead and another one on her leg. But the most alarming injury was serious bruises about the breast caused by the maddened animal pushing and rolling her on the ground after she was knocked down. For some time Mrs. Keeth’s condition was intensely alarming and her husband, who was visiting in Oklahoma, was at once called home as well as her children who lived at a distance.

Dr. F.C. Suggett, the attending physician, reported Mrs. Keeth somewhat improved Wednesday morning and thinks she will recover if no further complications set up.

**Mrs. Jontie Keeth** (nee Louisa Ellen Stone) of near Iberia, who was gored by an infuriated cow on Saturday morning of November 10th, died of the injuries sustained last Saturday evening about 6 o’clock. For awhile it was thought the injuries would not prove fatal, but complications set up which made her recovery beyond the reach of medical skill.

Mrs. Keeth was a daughter of the late Julius Stone, a well known resident of south Miller County. She was near 72 years of age at the time of her death. She was married to Jontie Keeth many years ago and to this union six children were born, namely: Julius and Everett Keeth of near Iberia, Mrs. Flora Sturdavant of Tulsa, Okla., Wilbert Keeth of Crocker and Mrs. Cora Irwin of Rolla who survive her, one child having died in early life. She is also survived by her husband.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith of Brumley, were held from the Oak View Christian Church Saturday afternoon, at 3 o’clock, after which the body was conveyed to the Pleasant Hill Cemetery nearby for burial, under direction of Adams & Casey, local undertakers.

Mrs. Keeth was a Christian woman and her passing will deprive the community of one of its most noble women.

The Iberia Sentinel, October 1935

**Anton Dubbert**, well known German farmer of the Little Tavern community in the northeast edge of the county, on R.F.D. 4 out of Dixon, died at his home early Tuesday morning of dropsy and heart trouble.

Mr. Dubbert was born in Germany and came to this country when about 18 years of age, having lived on the farm where he died for many years. His age was 78 years, 6 months and 6 days. He is survived by several children, his wife having passed away several years ago.
Funeral services will be held at the St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony Thursday morning at 9 o’clock, and burial will be made in the cemetery at that place under direction of the Adams & Casey funeral service of Iberia.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1934

John H. Slone, well known citizen of south Miller County, passed away at his home in the Alder Springs community east of Iberia last Friday. He suffered an attack of flu which developed into pneumonia from which he failed to rally. His first wife and four children preceded him in death several years ago.

John H. Slone was born November 1st, 1861, died March 23rd, 1934. At the time of his death he was 72 years, 4 months and 22 days old. He accepted Christ as his savior while young in life and lived a true Christian life, with his membership with the Church of Christ at Alder Springs at the time of his death. He was a kind and loving father and husband.

He was married to Miss Malinda Null in 1881, and to this union thirteen children were born, of which nine are living. His wife and four children preceded him to the great beyond years ago. Those living are, namely: Rector Slone, Mrs. Albert Baker, and Mrs. Archie Boyce, all of Kansas City; Mrs. Harve Fielder and Mrs. Walter Fielder of Springfield, Mo.; Claud Slone of Wilsonville, Nebraska, and Ray Slone of Dixon, Mo.; Elmer Slone and Mrs. Jewell Hawkins of Tuscumbia, Mo.

Later he was married to Mrs. Sarah Rowden July 11, 1919. He leaves to mourn his passing his aged companion, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, also aged father, seven brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. He will be sadly missed by one and all. He made friends wherever he went. In his last words he said he was well satisfied.

The Iberia Sentinel, March 1934

Mrs. Cordelia Nixdorf, formerly of Miller County, died Saturday, March 17, at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Mo., after a brief illness. Her home was in Chicago, but was visiting her brother John in Union, Mo., when she took seriously ill.

Mrs. Nixdorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Koester, was 63 years 11 months and 27 days old at the time of her death. She was buried on her 64th birthday in the cemetery at Union, Mo., by the side of her brother, Joe, who passed away about a year ago.

She is survived by two daughters, Lillian Nixdorf and Mrs. Cora Buckingham, both of Chicago; two brothers and two sisters, namely: John Koester of Union, Mo., George Koester of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Mary _____ of Joplin, Mo., and Mrs. W.E. Martin of Russellville, Mo.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Koester, near Union, Mo. Thence to the Immaculate Conception Church, Union, Mo. and burial in the church cemetery.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1932

Little Dona Emylin Jones was born Sept. 14, 1932; died at her home in Iberia, Nov. 14, 1932, following a few days of serious illness.

A short funeral service was held in Iberia at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones, in the presence of relatives and friends. Interment was made the same day in the family cemetery at Fairview, five miles north of Dixon.

Dona Emylin Jones is survived by father, mother, two brothers and three sisters, namely: Reba, Merl, Catherine, Paul, and Billie, besides a host of relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1929

The Iberia community was saddened Tuesday, November 12th, when J.F. Law (Joseph Frederick Law), one of our county’s most honored and respected citizens, died at the home of
his son Arthur. Although he had been in poor health for several months, yet his condition was of a serious nature only a short time and his death came rather unexpectedly.

Mr. Law was born October 14th, 1852, near Louisville, Ky. And he came to Missouri with his parents when he was only two years of age. The family lived in Pike County where J.F. was married September 5, 1876, to Miss Henrietta Jordan, who preceded him in death seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Law moved to Miller County when he was 45 years of age and they bought a farm near Iberia where they resided a number of years and where they reared nine children. Since the death of his wife, he has been living with his children.

The surviving children are: Robert, Fred and Russell of Los Angeles, Cal.; Henry and Hayden of El Centro, Cal.; Mrs. J.E. (Viola) Paul of New York City; and Arthur, Claud and Clarence of near Iberia. He also leaves one sister and four brothers.

Mr. Law was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were conducted at the home of his son Arthur where he died, by Rev. Eckhoff, pastor of the Iberia Congregational Church, and burial was made in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

Mr. Law lived a commendable life and reared a large family of children, who are among our best citizens. He will be greatly missed by the people of Iberia and vicinity and the children have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their father.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1934

George B. Morrow, for many years prior to his failing health one of south Miller County’s most influential farmers, passed away at Mayo Bros. Clinic in Rochester, Minn., Wednesday of last week where he had been taken by his wife and son two weeks before. Four years ago he was advised by the doctors to change climate, in the hope of regaining his health. He and his family went to Houston, Texas where they stayed about two years, and he was somewhat benefitted. Deciding to come back to Missouri, he located in Springfield where the family still resides. He was of a large family, all of whom attended the funeral, except three brothers, Sat, Lev and Seldon who were unable to reach here at this time. George B. Morrow was born May 23, 1885, near Iberia, Mo.; died Nov. 21, 1934, in Rochester, Minn., shortly after an operation, being at the time of his death 49 years of age. He was married to Ethel Skaggs January 1, 1908. To this union five children were born, namely: Jewell, Hazel, Jennings, Edith Mae and Johannas.

He was converted and baptized along with his wife October 10, 1907, and has been a faithful member of the Christian Advent Church. He was a kind and loving father, never tiring of talking and teaching religion in his home, being a constant reader of the Bible for the past several years.

(lengthy character testimonial omitted here)

Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his departure seven brothers and one sister, Walter and Thurman Morrow and Mrs. Geo. W. Mace of Iberia, Mo.; Tidwell of Kirkwood, Mo.; Lev of Epping, N.D.; Sat of Las Anamas, Colo.; Seldon of Midwest, Wyoming and Fred of New Franklin, Mo., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M.G. Bowden of Dixon, Mo., Sunday morning at Union Church amid an exceedingly large number of friends. Ten of his nieces acted as flower girls. Pallbearers were Roy McDonald, Roy Perkins, Minzo McKee of Iberia, Dora Cross, Don Jeffries and Wm. Fulbright of Springfield. Interment was made in the cemetery at Union under the directions of Adams and Casey, local funeral directors.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1936

Betty Dean, darling daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Setser, departed this life November 23, 1936, being at the time of her death 3 years, 3 months and 9 days old; the cause of death being scarlet fever, from which she suffered three weeks.
She leaves to mourn her passing a loving father, mother, one sister and one brother; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Flaugher, and Mrs. Susie Setser, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

All That loving and skilled hands could do was done for little Betty Dean, but the Lord saw fit to call her on to that beautiful heavenly home.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Chas Soote r on Tuesday afternoon, November 24th at the Livingston Cemetery near Iberia, in which cemetery she was laid to rest, with Adams & Casey Funeral Service in charge.

The Iberia Sentinel, November 1934

James M. Hawkins, 87, another one of the few remaining G.A.R. veterans in Miller County, died Wednesday night, Nov. 21, at his home in Brumley, following an illness of several weeks duration. Mr. Hawkins was one of Miller County’s most influential citizens and for many years a staunch leader in the Republican party. He served the county as judge of the county court, collector and representative in the state legislature.

The town of Brumley was located on part of the far m which was Mr. Hawkins’ home for more than 60 years, and the community always looked to him for leadership in practically all public and religious activities. He organized the Bank of Brumley, one of the county’s strongest banking institutions, many years ago and remained in active charge until recently, his son. R.C. Hawkins taking over his duties.

All eleven of Mr. Hawkins’ children were with him when he passed away. They are: E.P. Hawkins of Wichita, Kans.; W.C. Hawkins, president of the O’Bannon Banking Company of Buffalo, MO.; P.C. Hawkins of Parsons, Kans.; Dr. J.C. Hawkins of Blackwell, Okla.; C.G. Hawkins of Kansas City; Mrs. Nannie Croft, Mrs. Nellie Pugh, Miss Cora Hawkins and E.C., R.C. and C.I. Hawkins of Miller County.

Mr. Hawkins was a Mason and a leader in the Christian Church. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Jas. C. Thompson of Brumley, assisted by Rev. Arthur Crouch of Tuscumbia were held in the Brumley Christian Church Friday afternoon at 2 o’clock. Music was furnished by Mrs. C.I. Casey of Iberia and a male quartet from Tuscumbia. Besides his sons acting as pallbearers there were honorary pallbearers selected from some of his closest friends. Interment was made in the Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley. The Masons and the Iberia American Legion Post had charge of the services at the grave, and burial was under direction of Adams & Casey, Iberia undertakers.

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He was a Navy veteran of World War II where he was a fireman on the USS Sheldrake. He was employed as an auto doctor for McKay Buick for 30 years retiring in 1986. He was a lifetime member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. He was a lifetime member of the St. Martins VFW Post 35 and a member of the Jefferson City American Legion Post 5. He was also a member of the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus and the St. Thomas Over 50 Club.

Survivors include three sons, Daniel Morff (Kitty) of Centertown, Alfred Morff (Cheryl) of Jefferson City, and Michael Morff (Diana) of San Antonio, Texas; three sisters, Emma Schulte of Marys Home, Marie Holtmeyer of St. Elizabeth, and Laverne Berendzen of Henley; one sister-in-law, Regina Morff; nine grandchildren, Tim Morff (Charlene), Dennis Morff (Peni), Steve
Morff (Pam), Jodi Bise (Chris), Tanya Morff, Jennifer Rogers, Jason Morff (Julie), Joseph Morff, and Christopher Morff; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Jane Groene; three brothers and two sisters, Lawrence, Felix, and Victor Morff, Sally Biffle, and Arlene Hudak.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in St. Thomas. Rev. Mark Porterfield will officiate. Interment with military honors will be in St. Thomas Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Bernard Morff Memorial Fund.

Bobbie Gene Dake, age 73, of Iberia, died Friday, December 26, 2008, at University Hospital in Columbia. He was born in Iberia on September 23, 1935, son of Jack and Jewell (Sloan) Dake. On August 1, 1964, in St. Anthony, he was married to Annette Louise Bailey, who survives at the home.

He was an Army veteran. He worked for MoDOT out of Iberia for 27 years until his retirement. He also farmed on the family farm in St. Anthony for many years. He was a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge #410 AF and AM where he served as a Master Mason.

Other survivors include one daughter, Dajuana Carson of Kansas City; one son, Bobbie Dake and wife Victoria of Iberia; three grandchildren, Callista Carson, Arin Dake, and Jackson Dake all of Iberia; one brother, Jackie Dake and wife Judy of Iberia; three sisters, Wanda Copeland and husband Burl of Iberia, Lois Copeland and husband Muriel of Meta, and Alice Humphrey and husband Leland of Eldon; and many nephews, nieces, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 28, at Iberia Cemetery. Rev. Jeff Higbie will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Iberia Masonic Lodge, Iberia Cemetery, or the Brain Trauma Foundation.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, December 2008

Don Dummermuth passed away Thursday evening December 18, 2008 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was 76 years old. On June 27, 1932 he was born in Centertown, MO, to the late Ernest Charles and Sara Maxine (Garrison) Dummermuth. On June 13, 1953 he was married to Faye (Honeycutt) Dummermuth who survives of the home.

Also surviving him are his three sons: Tommy Dummermuth of Eldon, MO, Steve Dummermuth of Eldon, MO, Larry Dummermuth of Eldon, MO, one daughter Tammy Boyd of Eldon, MO; twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Allen Dummermuth, and two brothers, Bobby & Charlie Dummermuth.

Don worked for Stark Construction for twenty years before retiring.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 21, 2008 from 4-7 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Monday, December 22 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with interment to follow in the Eldon City Cemetery. Memorial contributions for Don are suggested In Care of the Family.

Bill Lykins passed away Friday morning December 19, 2008 at the Eldon Nursing & Rehab Center in Eldon, Missouri. He was 88 years old. On May 20, 1920 he was born to the late Marion and Edith (Carter) Lykins in Weston, Missouri. On January 12, 1944 he was married in Eldon, Missouri to Jewel (Mais) Leonard Lykins who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: one brother, Kenneth Lykins of Kansas City, Missouri; two sisters, Arlene Hontz of Weston, Missouri, Betty Guy of Clarksville, TN; six nephews and one great niece; two grandsons, Dustin & Dalen Bell. He was preceded in death by his parents, his
first wife Josephine Lykins, one brother Harlan Lykins, and one nephew.

He served in the United States Army Air Forces, was employed with Boeing Aircraft Company retiring in 1976 and then moving to Eldon, Missouri in 1979. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, Missouri and also active in Spring Again. He was a member of the Senior Card Club and a Charter Member of the National World War II Memorial.

Visitation will be Monday, December 22 from 9-10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, with the funeral mass to follow. Interment will be Monday, December 22 at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett. Full Military Honors will be provided at the graveside by the Eldon VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, Missouri.

Therman L. Bond of Louisburg, Kansas, passed away December 21, 2008 at the Louisburg Care Center in Louisburg, Kansas. He was 96 years old. Babe was born in Etterville on November 9, 1912 to the late Arthur D. and Oveary Bond. In June of 1939, he was married to Treva (Kelsay) Bond who preceded him in death on March 2, 2004.

To support the homeland World War II effort, he moved to Kansas City, Kansas to work for North American Aircraft in 1943, later to work from 1946 – 1971 with General Motors Fairfax BOP assembly plant. In 1974 he and Treva retired to Eldon, Missouri where they lived until 2004, moving to Louisburg, Kansas to be near children and grandchildren.

Babe’s zest for life manifested itself in his tireless work providing for family. He enjoyed his orchard, vegetable, and lawn gardening, local fishing, as well as summer fishing vacations in Minnesota. Babe’s sons had many laughs from his candor and wit; yet, from this man of few words, we learned life can be good by exercising common sense, honesty, and fairness.

He is preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Truman and Pauline; and in 2004 by his wife, Treva. He is survived by his children Marilynn Gump of Mission Kansas, Arthur Bond of Hartford, Kansas, Richard Bond & wife Kathleen Cooper of Leawood, Kansas, Larry Bond & wife Lusia of Louisburg, Kansas, Gary Bond of Los Angeles, California, and ten grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 27, 2008 from 10-11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home with the service to follow. Interment will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Saturday, December 27, 2008. Memorial contributions can be made to The Good Samaritan Project of the Louisburg Masonic Peace Lodge #243.

Lorene Sexton passed away early Monday morning at Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles, Missouri, she was 88 years old. On September 13, 1920 she was born in Fowler, Indiana to the late Roy H. and Viola (Graham) Griffith. On November 19, 1939 she was married in Kentland, Indiana to the late Glen Amos Sexton who preceded her in death on March 21, 1998.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Bill & Pauline Sexton of Zellwood, Florida; two daughters, Nancy Roberts of St. Peters, Missouri and Marilyn Sexton of Collinsville, Illinois; twelve grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Her parents and her husband preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Lake Ozark Christian Church of Lake Ozark, Missouri.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 27, from 1-2 p.m. at Lake Ozark Christian Church. The funeral service will follow with interment at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett. In lieu of flowers, memorials for Lorene Sexton are suggested to Community Hospice of America.

Jessie Leonard Strange, age 96, of Eldon, Missouri, passed away December 22, 2008, at Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Rolla, Missouri. Leonard was born July 5, 1912 in Eldon, Missouri, the son of Jesse E. and Mary Jane Wallace Strange, both deceased. He was married on July 14, 1933 in Eldon, Missouri, to Viola Grace Ledbetter, who preceded him in death on July 7, 2007.
He was a member of the Aurora Springs Baptist Church, Eldon, Missouri. He served in the United States Army during WW II in the European Theater where he earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He was employed for nineteen years with Glazier Brothers Pants Factory, Eldon, Missouri. He was also employed with Iberia Garment Factory, Iberia, Missouri and Meta Pants Factory, Meta, Missouri. He retired in July 1974 from the School of the Osage, Lake Ozark, Missouri.

He is survived by two sons, Donald L. Strange and his wife Glenda of Dittmer, Missouri, Truman H. Strange of Eldon, Missouri; a daughter, Grace A. Kallenbach of Russellville, Missouri; eleven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, one great, great-grandchild and one brother, Ruben Strange of Lindsborg, Kansas. He was also preceded in death by one son, Gerald L. (Leon) Strange of Kansas City, Kansas; his three sisters, Dessie Lucas of Bunceton, Missouri, Nellie Reichel of Bunceton, Missouri and Effie L. Bailey of Lake Ozark, Missouri; five brothers, Gaylord Strange of Eldon, Missouri, Clifford I. Strange of Eldon, Missouri, Dallas L. Strange of Eldon, Missouri, Harley Strange of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Lannie (Babe) Strange of Rocky Mount, Missouri and one grandchild.

Family and friends will be received at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Missouri from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 28, 2008. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 29, 2008, at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon Missouri, with Brother Alan Earls officiating. Interment will be conducted following the funeral service at the Dooley Cemetery, Eldon, Missouri.

We loved him, from the way he adored kids and made each and every day an adventure, his love for vegetable gardening and how he shared his adventures and experiences through his storytelling. We will miss him dearly. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Missouri Veterans Home, St Full Military Honors will be provided at the graveside by the VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, Missouri.


He is survived by his Mother Helen Phillips of Eldon, Missouri; daughter Helen Denice Robison of Lee’s Summit, Missouri; son William Daniel Phillips of Syracuse, Utah; brother William A. Phillips of Chicago, Illinois; three grandchildren.

Don attended the University of Missouri at Columbia and graduated from Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg in 1958 after serving in the United States Air Force. He graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1959 and returned to Eldon to make his home in 1959. He received his license from the Missouri State Board of Embalming in 1960 and joined his parents in the family business. Don owned and operated Phillips Funeral Home until his retirement.

He was a member of First Christian Church of Eldon, Missouri. Don was a member of the Missouri National Funeral Director’s Association, Eldon Lion’s Club, and American Legion Post 229. He served on the Eldon City Council, Eldon Chamber of Commerce, Miller County Ambulance Board, Foundation Board for Lake Regional Health Systems, and as a volunteer for Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. Don was selected as Eldon Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1996. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America and the Heart of Missouri Girl Scouts Council. He and his wife Shirley were active in the AFS foreign exchange student program in Eldon and across Missouri. Don had a life-long love of music and played trumpet with the Lake Area Community Orchestra and Lake Jazz Band.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 30, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Missouri and the funeral will be Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at 11:00 AM at
Phillips Funeral Home. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery with the Reverend Shirley Williams officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First Christian Church of Eldon, Missouri or the Eldon Community Foundation.

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**Ellis Noel Livingston**, 88, of Duluth, passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 26, 2008 at St. Luke's Hospital. Ellis was born Nov. 27, 1920 near Iberia, Mo.

He graduated from high school in Tuscumbia, Mo., attended Iberia Junior College, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., in 1942 with a degree in History. Ellis was a Marine veteran of World War II, serving in the first Armored Amphibian Battalion in the Pacific, commanding a platoon of amphibious tanks in Guam, Marsalles, and Okinawa. Ellis was awarded the Bronze Star. He was appointed Commanding Officer at the Duluth Marine Corps Reserve, retiring in 1980 as a Lieutenant Colonel. In 1945, Ellis married Edith Nixdorf in Eldon, Mo. He graduated with a PhD. in history from the University of Minnesota in 1953, and then served as a professor of American History at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, from 1949 to 1983, and he attained full professor rank in the early 1960's. He and Edith moved back to the family farm on Barren fork Creek in Miller County, Mo. Ellis became a Licensed Minister of the United Church of Christ, serving as Minister for the Iberia Congregational Christian Church.

He was a long-standing member and deacon of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Duluth, a member of the Issac Walton League, and member of the NAACP.

Ellis was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Mary in 1984; wife, Edith in 1992; brother, Frank Bryan, and sister, Iris Burks.

He is survived by his sister, Wilma Hickey of Boliver, Mo.; daughters, Lydia Jean (Charles) Walters, and Martha (Don Dallmann) Livingston, both of Duluth; sons, Frank of Oakland, Calif., Tom (Katherine Kavanaugh) of Baltimore, Md., and Anthony (Amelie Lindberg-Livingston) of Proctor, Minn.; four grandsons, Adam, Dan, Aaron and William; and five granddaughters, Athena, Sabra, Annelie, Angela, and Edith.

The family would like to thank Dr. Wegerson of the Mount Royal Clinic, all the staff in the Post Acute Care Unit at the Benedictine Health Center, and St. Luke's Hospital Cardiac Care Unit, for their thoughtful care-giving in our father's last days.

**FAMILY WILL WELCOME VISITORS:** 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service celebrating Ellis' life on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008 in Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC. Inurnment is tentatively planned for April 18, 2009 at the Livingston Cemetery near Iberia, Mo. Memorials are welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church, Duluth, Miller County Historical Society, MO., or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Dougherty Funeral Home, 600 E. Second St., 727-3555.

**Unknown mid-Missouri newspaper, 28 March 1973**

**Norbert H. Rothove**, 57, of 109 S. Lincoln St., died today at a Jefferson City hospital following a six-month illness. Mr. Rothove was born at Taos on Feb. 12, 1916, the son of Henry J. and Mary Veltrop Rothove. He was married in Jefferson City on Sept. 5, 1953 to the former Miss Catherine Reilly who survives.

Mr. Rothove was a retired director of printing for the State of Missouri and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Other survivors include: a son, Thomas B. Rothove, Eldon; three brothers, C. J. Rothove, Pueblo, Colo.; Louis Rothove, Independence, and Arthur Rothove, Kansas City; a sister, Mrs. Hildegard Welsh, Jefferson City; and three grandchildren.

The rosary will be prayed Thursday at the Dulle Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with the Rev. Robert Keating officiating. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery."
Elmer T. Rowden, 82, Dixon, died Monday (8 April 1974) at St. Mary's Health Center. He was born July 28, 1891, in Miller County, the son of John and Rachel Short Rowden. On Oct. 9, 1916, he was married to Nora May Sloan, who survives.

Mr. Rowden resided in Miller and Maries counties all of his life. He was employed as a farmer and laborer. He was a member of the Faith Tabernacle Church near Iberia.

Other survivors include: five sons - Virgil Rowden, Herbert Rowden and Carl Rowden, all of Meta; Curtis Rowden, Peoria, Ill.; and Norman Rowden of Iberia; five daughters - Mrs. Mattie Blankenship, Mrs. Eileen Humphrey and Mrs. Marie Ahart, all of Iberia; Mrs. Mable Sloan and Mrs. Lorene Workman, both of Dixon; 46 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday at the Stevinson Funeral Home Chapel, Iberia, with the Rev. Don DeClue officiating. Burial will be in Bray's Cemetery near Iberia.

Mrs. Mathilda E. Muehlenkamp, 89, of 1320 E. High Street, died Tuesday (14 Sept 1973) at St. Mary's Health Center after a three-day illness. Mrs. Muehlenkamp was born March 22, 1884 at St. Thomas. She was married to John Muehlenkamp, who preceded her in death. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include: four daughters - Miss Rose Muehlenkamp, Jefferson City; Mrs. Laurentia Bax, Florissant; and Mrs. Alvina Stephens and Mrs. Henrietta Semar, both of St. Louis; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Cronin officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.
Inerment with full military honors will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday at the Curry Cemetery near Iberia.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Tuesday, December 23, 2008

Betty Ruth Abbett, age 75, of Glen Carbon, Ill., formerly of Granite City, Ill., passed away Friday, December 19, 2008, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville, Ill. She was born November 16, 1933, in Meta, Mo., a daughter of the late Clinton and Gertrude (Barnhart) Meyers. She married William R. Abbett on December 30, 1950, in St. Louis, Mo. He preceded her in death in April 2001.

She retired from CPI in St. Louis after over 20 years of dedicated service as a Sears Portrait Studio accounts payable manager. She also enjoyed her days of cooking and catering with Petri’s Café in Granite City, Ill. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Her passion in life was her children and grandchildren and her family will cherish her love she had for them.

She is survived and will dearly be missed by her five children and their spouses, Susan and Tom Burns of Booneville, Mo., Michael and Fran Abbett of Granite City, Ill., Mitchell and Kathy Abbett of Granite City, Ill., David and Lisa Abbett of Fort Worth, Texas, Rockford and Kathy Abbett of Glen Carbon, Ill.; 10 grandchildren, Tricia, Shannon, Jason, Joshua, Chelsie, Nathan, Katie, Austin, Darby, Ashley; five great-grandchildren, Jacob, Clinton, Lauren, Ricky, Emily; other extended family and friends.

In addition to her beloved husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters, Will, Rockford, Nellie and Mae.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City, Ill. on Monday, December 22, 2008, with Father Tom Liebler as celebrant. Burial was at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Edwardsville, Ill.


Norbert Henry Sanning, age 77, of New Bloomfield, died Thursday, December 25, 2008, at Autumn Meadows Nursing Home in Linn. He was born May 12, 1931, in Mary’s Home, the son of Vincent Pete and Regina Sophia Gerling Sanning.

He was united in marriage in June of 1954, in Fulton, to Anna Louise Craighead, who preceded him in death on July 27, 1976.

He was a United States Army veteran during the Korean Conflict. Norbert was a book binder with Ovid Bell Press, Inc. for over 27 years.

He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church, Oliver Buehrle Disabled American Veterans Chapter 17, Roscoe Enloe American Legion Post 5, and the Roy Sone Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1003.

Survivors include: two daughters, Debra Sanning, New Bloomfield, and Mary Sanderson, Dallas, Ga.; one son, Norbert J. Sanning, Mexico, Mo.; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; three sisters and one brother-in-law. Dorothy and Harry Schanuth, Jefferson City, Johanna Raybourn, Nashville, T.Genn., and Catherine Sanning, Jefferson City; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, Jerome Sanning, Jefferson City, and Vincent and Sandra Sanning, Osage City. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brother, Bernard Sanning.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, December 29, 2008, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home. Burial with full military honors will be in Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with a prayer service at 6 p.m.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Leroy C. Stegeman, age 75, of Meta, died Thursday, January 1, 2009, at his home. He was born on March 25, 1933, in Elston, son of Herbert and Caroline (Moeller) Stegeman. On July
12, 1958, in Rich Fountain, he married Betty Grellner, who survives at the home. Leroy was a farmer on the family farm and served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was also a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

Other survivors include two sons, Don Stegeman and wife Karen of California and Ray Stegeman and wife Jeane of Vienna; five daughters, Janie Bauer and husband Steve of Freeburg, Debbie Caminiti and husband Terry of Westphalia, Linda Light and husband Bill of Freeburg, Brenda Spell and husband Alan of Columbia, and Vicki Muenks and husband Cory of Frankenstein; 24 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; four brothers, Paul Stegeman of Jefferson City, Ed Stegeman and wife Pauline of Jefferson City, Marvin Stegeman and wife Becky of St. Martins, and Bob Stegeman and wife Jeanie of Jefferson City; and four sisters, Irene Adrian of Jefferson City, Florence Toebben of Vienna, Mary Lou Taggert and husband Fred of Jefferson City, and Ann Berendzen and husband Jim of Jefferson City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Bill Stegeman; one brother, Elmer Stegeman; and one sister, Catherine Welch.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, January 5, 2009, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Clarence Wiederholt and Rev. Sylvester Bauer will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of the National Guard and the Iberia VFW Post 6167 and American Legion Post 105 will be in the St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 P.M. on Sunday at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Meta, with a prayer service at 7:00 P.M.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, July 19, 2004

Circuit Judge Mary A. Dickerson, age 52, passed away at her home near Camdenton, on Friday, July 16, after a 19 year battle with cancer. Judge Dickerson was born May 27, 1952, in Tuscumbia, the daughter of Garland and Alta Cotton Platter.

Judge Dickerson graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1977 and practiced in the Donnelly, Ballwin and Wilhite area until 1981, when she was appointed by Governor Christopher S. Bond as Camden County Associate Circuit Judge. She was elected to that position in 1982 and re-elected in 1986. Judge Dickerson was elected Circuit Judge in 1988 and was re-elected in 1992 and 1998.

Judge Dickerson was a member of the Camden County and Laclede County Bar Associations and was a member of the Missouri Circuit Court Budget Committee, the Missouri Bar Association, the 26th Circuit Bar Association, the Missouri Judicial Conference and the Missouri Juvenile Judges Association. She was a member of the Camden County Republican Club and the First Baptist Church of Camdenton where she was a member of the Finance Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Future Building Committee, an Awana Listener and the Adult Choir. She was a Sunday school teacher at the church.

Judge Dickerson was married to James R. Dickerson in 1976. She is survived by her daughter: Laura Renae Dickerson of St. Charles; one son, Joshua Williams Dickerson of Gunter Annex, Alabama; her mother, Alta Platter of Lake Ozark; her sister, Donna Brack of Cincinnati, Ohio; and her brothers: David Platter and Howard Platter of Lake Ozark.

Services will be held at the Osage Hills Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 21, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be in the Riley Lamm Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 20, from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Osage Hills Baptist Church. The family has requested donations be given to the American Cancer Society or the First Baptist Church of Camdenton. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Camdenton, Mo.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, October 2004

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Norbert Ben Busche, 73, of Holts Summit passed away Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at his home. He was born July 15, 1931, in St. Elizabeth, the son of Frank and Francis Goeller Busche.

He attended St. Elizabeth schools. He was married November 14, 1953, in Argyle to Leona Deeken, who survives at their home.

In 1951, Norbert joined the Missouri National Guard where he worked as a mechanic and did light automotive maintenance for 38 years until his retirement on March 3, 1989, as a Master Sergeant. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. He enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, hunting, traveling, and spending time with his children and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. Most of the time they didn’t even have to ask, he just knew.

He is also survived by one son, Richard Busche and his wife, Marilyn of Iberia; three daughters: Rhoda Polly of Moberly; Linda Boss and husband Wade of Holts Summit; Becky Mackey and husband Steve of New Bloomfield; two sisters: Polly Longchamp of Concord, California; Margaret Wiebberg of Jefferson City; six grandchildren: Dana Goodsen, Crystal Polly, Melissa Boss, Jesse Boss, Aaron Mackey, and Christina Mackey; and three great-grandchildren: Haley Boss, Amber Pearl, and Amity Pearl. He was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Busche and one sister, Irene Busche.

Friends will be received from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors-Jefferson City Chapel, where a prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2004 at St. Peter Catholic Church with Fr. James M. Smith officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the St. Peter Catholic Church Building Fund or the American Diabetes Association.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, May 2004

Wyeth A. Bond, 86, of Eldon, Mo., died Monday, May 24, 2004, in Columbia, Mo. He was born January 25, 1918, in Iberia, Mo., to Fred and Anna Maude (Crane) Bond. He was married December 24, 1938, in Tusculumia, Mo. to Hazel M. (Bond) Bond.

During his years of employment he was a farmer, truck driver, farm and feed supply manager, owner and operator of a filling station and was a corrections officer for the Department of Corrections for 10 years. He served as Miller County Commissioner for two terms. He was a member of the Mt. Herman Baptist Church for over 38 years, where he served as Deacon, Trustee and Sunday school teacher and Director. He later became a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Mo. for 12 years serving as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was treasurer for Gideons International and a member for 20 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Hazel M. Bond, of the home; two daughters, Audrey M. Bunch, of Greenwood, Mo. and Ruth Ann Hayes, of Eldon, Mo.; two sons, Wyeth E. Bond of California, Mo. and Danny L. Bond of Jefferson City, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. HE was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, and three sisters, Eileen Schmidt, Lucille Klindt, Wanda Jeffries; one infant brother and one infant sister.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 27, from 4-8 p.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 28 at the First Baptist Church in Eldon, Mo. with the Rev. Randall Bunch officiating. Burial will be held in the Eldon City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church Building Fund or Gideons International.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, May 2004

Lyle Jay Keeth, age 38 of Iberia, died May 14, 2004, at his home. He was born in Iberia on July 28, 1965, a son of Paul Jackson and Ina Irene (Moore) Keeth.
Survivors include: one son, Kelly Jaymes Keeth of Crocker; two brothers, Jackie Keeth and Ricky Layne Keeth both of Crocker; and two sisters, Karen Moss of Iberia and Patricia L. Graves of Crocker.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Madden Cemetery, near Iberia. The Rev. Jeff Higbie will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to Madden Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Wednesday, May 29, 2002

Lorene V. Morrow, 81, Clayton, died May 24, 2002 at Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, Ill. She was born Feb. 14, 1921, in Iberia, a daughter of Albert and Myrtle Blankenship Vaughn. She was married Aug 5, 1940, in Salem, to Virgil Morrow, who died Nov. 25, 1978. She was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Church in St. Louis.

Survivors include: one son, Michael Morrow, St. Louis; one daughter, Jeanne McIlvain, Long Grove, Ill.; one sister, Thelma Brooker, Columbia; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. The Rev. Earl Skidds will officiate. Burial will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday and from 10-11 a.m. Friday.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Thursday, March 21, 2002


A graduate of Greenridge High School, he studied agriculture at Central Missouri State College. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II, and later was in the Army. He was employed with the Corps of Engineers on the Missouri River for two years.

He retired in 1982 after 20 years with MoDOT as a heavy equipment operator. He then worked with registered cattle and horses. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Lee’s Summit. He was a 50-year member of Greenridge Masonic Lodge; a 52 year member of the International Brangus Breeders Association; the Heart of American Brangus Breeders Association; the River-rats Association of Retired River Workers; and the Retired MoDOT Employees.

Survivors include: one son, Wes M. Dowdy, Eldon; one daughter, Jeannie L. Graham, Lake Ozark; one brother, Walter F. Dowdy, Otterville; one sister, Mary Katherine Williams, Otterville; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Pastor Jerry Middleton will officiate. Burial will be in Greenridge Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to Greenridge Cemetery.

Emily Spencer, 95, Eldon, died March 20, 2002, in Jefferson City. She was born March 28, 1906, in Taos, a daughter of John H. and Anna Helen Wekenborg Eiken. She was married March 28, 1932, in Jefferson City to William Earl Spencer, who died Sept 9, 1967.

A long time resident of Eldon, she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Eldon. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by three grandchildren, including Sandra Weller, Eugene. Two sons, Robert Spencer and Roger Spencer, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The Rev. James J. O’Sullivan will officiate. Burial will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Memorials are suggested to Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery in memory of Roger Spencer, C/o Anna Marie Lepper.
Bertha Geraldine “Geri” Hutchison, 73, Sedalia, died Feb. 26, 2002, in Sedalia. She was born July 24, 1928, in Kansas City, a daughter of Charles Hughes and Bertha Lankford Suedmeyer. Her mother survives in Chico, Calif. She was married May 1, 1966, in Oklahoma to John G. Hutchison Sr., who died Dec. 17, 2000.

She worked as an office clerk for a telephone company. She was a member of the Southwestern Bell Pioneers of America and a past member of VFW, the Disabled American Veterans and Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include: two sons, Donald Hutchison, Eldon, and John Hutchison, Blue Springs; one daughter, Bonnie Hutchison, Eldon; four sisters, Allene Schwartz, Chico, Darlene Rinehart, Hollister, Mary Hargrove, Chino, Calif., and Bonnie Doerrliger, Centerview; three half sisters, Linda Hosman, Juanita Blaubelt and Rebecca Gorley, all of Independence; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. One great-grandson preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The Rev. Bill Talley will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to Bothwell Regional Health Center Hospice, 601 East 14th St. Sedalia, Mo., 65301.


She was a cook at the Little Company of Mary’s Hospital. She was a member of St. Martins Catholic Church, St. Martins.

Survivors include: two sons, John Earl Franklin, San Jose, Calif., and Dennis Lucas, Barnett; one daughter, Janice Lucas, Arcadia, Calif.; one sister, Ellen Guyan, Torrance, Calif.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The Rev. Ed Schmidt will officiate. Burial will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Jerome Joseph Holzer, 75, of Wardsville, died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at St. Mary’s Health Center. He was born on December 19, 1928 in Henley, Mo., the son of Phillip Jacob and Mary Ann Hake Holzer. He was married on August 22, 1953, in Mary’s Home, Mo., to Erma Christine Lootens who survives at the home.

Mr. Holzer retired in 1983 from the Missouri National Guard where he had been employed for thirty years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Wardsville; the Over-fifty Club; Roy Sone Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1003; and the Roscoe Enloe American Legion Post No. 5.

Other survivors include: three sons and their wives, Michael & Goldie Holzer, Holts Summit, Marvin and Sandra Holzer, Wardsville, and Gerald and Karla Holzer, Wardsville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Norma Wieberg, Wardsville and Velma and Michael Bernskoetter, Wardsville; a daughter-in-law, Marsha Holzer, Taos; 17 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; and a step-sister, Deloris Holzer, Jefferson City.

Mr. Holzer was preceded in death by a son, Alan Holzer; a granddaughter, Jennifer Wieberg; eight brothers and seven sisters.
Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2004, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Wardsville, with the Rev. Gregory C. Meystrik officiating. Burial with military honors will be in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Wardsville. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2004, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Stanislaus Education Foundation or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, October 2004

Anna Marie Lepper, age 67, of Eugene, Mo., died Friday, October 1, 2004, in Jefferson City, Mo. She was born on August 28, 1937 in Mary’s Home, Mo. to Albert H. Hake and Margaret H. (Berendzen) Hake. She was married on May 29, 1965 in Mary’s Home to Andrew Lepper.

She worked for International Shoe Co. in Eldon, Missouri, Bobby Brooks in Bowling Green, Missouri, Cheseborough Ponds in Jefferson City, Missouri, then Fasco Industries in Eldon, Missouri until her retirement in 1998. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church of Mary’s Home, the Altar Sodality, Legion of Mary, and Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, Mo.

Survivors include: her husband, Andrew Lepper of the home; two sons and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Shonda Lepper of Mary’s Home, and Dennis Lepper of the home; two grandchildren, Makayla and Makenzie Lepper, both of Mary’s Home; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and by one brother, Alfred H. Hake.

Visitation will be held at the Phillips Funeral Home in Mary’s Home on Sunday, October 3, 2004, from 3-8 p.m. with the rosary being prayed at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 4 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary’s Home, Mo., with Rev. Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Burial will take place at Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Mary’s Home. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Jefferson City or Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, June 2004

J.W. Helton, 77, Eldon, Mo., died June 3, 2004, at Eldon, Mo. He was born November 12, 1926 in Iberia, Mo., the son of Edward and Clara (Newhart) Helton. He was married August 5, 1983 to Theresa Sudie (Dennman) Helton who survives.

Other survivors include: seven daughters, Mary Henderson, Theresa Wills, Rose Blankenship, Glenda Cockrell, Brenda Coleman, Lena Mantle, Loretta Long; seven sons, James Helton, John Helton, Kevin Helton, Paul Helton, Dale F. Stone, Gale L. Stone, Jr. Wayne Stone; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Lonnie Helton; one sister, Nellie Helton.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, May 2004

Edith Johnson, age 87 of St. Elizabeth, died May 28, 2004, at St. Mary’s Health Center. She was born in St. Elizabeth on January 11, 1917, a daughter of John H. and Bessie Bell (Clark) Wickham. On October 11, 1935, in Capps, she was married to Floyd A. Johnson, who survives. She was a member of Humphreys Creek Christian Church.

Other survivors include: one son, Dale Johnson of Osage City; two daughters, Carol Moser of St. Elizabeth and Eileen Wallace of Sedalia; 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

A brother, four sisters, and a grandson preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 1, at the Johnson-Wickham Cemetery near St. Elizabeth. Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth.
Jefferson City Post Tribune, Wednesday, April 3, 2002


He owned and operated a used car lot and later worked for Perkins and Eads Motor Co. in Iberia. He was a member of Iberia First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one son, Gary Sestser, Mitchell, Ill.; two daughters, Norma Petty, Granite City, Ill., and Judy Ann Setser, St. Louis; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. The Rev. Glen Golden will officiate. Burial will be in Livingston Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Thursday. Memorials are suggested to Livingston Cemetery.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Billie Colvin, 68, Iberia, died April 8, 2002, at Capital Region Medical Center (Jefferson City). She was born July 21, 1933, in Crocker, a daughter of James M. and Cora Cecil Hull Moffitt. She was married Sept. 25, 1951, in Miller County, to Louis D. Colvin, who died June 10, 1999.

She graduated from Iberia High School in 1951. She was owner and operator of Colvin Tax Service in Iberia. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church, near Iberia, and Crocker Christian Church. She was a member of Iberia Ladies Auxiliary VFW.

Survivors include: two daughters, Peggy Layman, Crocker and Kathy Duncan, Iberia; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. The Rev. Rick Smith will officiate. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Billie Colvin Memorial Fund.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, January 2004

Lester Lee Vernon, 85, of Eldon, died January 7, 2004, at Eldon Healthcare. He was born in Eldon on March 5, 1918, a son of Frank Marion and Sarah Jane Kelsay Vernon. On May 8, 1938, in Tuscumbia, he was married to Velma Opal Boan, who survives.

Other survivors include: two sons, Frank M. Vernon of Jefferson City and Donald L. Vernon of Eldon; three daughters, Ruth L. Hees of Eldon, Laura Marie Pieper of DeWitt, Nebraska, and Doris J. Lambeth of Noel; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, January 9, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, at the Eldon First Baptist Church. Rev. Bob Buster will officiate. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery.

Rosa Woody, 89 of Iberia died January 6, 2004, at Table Rock Health Care Center in Kimberling City. She was born in Maries County on December 20, 1914, a daughter of Jeff D. and Anna (Machon) Pendleton. On September 21, 1935, in Vienna, she was married to William Emmet Woody, who preceded her in death on February 26, 1990.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, at the funeral home. Interment will be in Brays Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials contributions are suggested to Brays Cemetery.

Ollen DeGraffenreid, age 83, of Eldon, MO, died Monday, January 5, 2004 in Eldon, MO.
Survivors include his spouse, Donna DeGraffenreid of the home; 3 sons: Norman DeGraffenreid of Eldon, MO, Frank DeGraffenreid of Brumley, MO, and Harold DeGraffenreid of Tusculum, MO; 1 daughter, Charolette Carson of Kansas City, KS; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, MO. Graveside services will be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, January 9 at the Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, MO with Rev. Charles Caldwell officiating.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, April 2004

Steven Shackleford, age 49 of Tusculum, died April 4, 2004.
Survivors include: his wife, Debbie Shackleford of the home; two daughters, Amber Dennett Shackleford and Kendra Dee Shackleford both of the home; his father, Leonard Shackleford of Tusculum; and two brothers, Mike Shackleford of Blue Springs and John Shackleford of Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, at the First Assembly of God Church in Tusculum, Interment will be in Bilyeu Cemetery near St. Elizabeth. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, March 2004

Eunice Baucom, 91, Tusculum, MO., died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Tusculum. She was born July 9, 1912, in Gusy, Mo., the daughter of Merrill Lee and Stella Mae (Workman) Robinett. She was married July 4, 1929, in Waynesville, Mo.
Survivors include: three sisters, Ruby Shepherd, Eldon, Sue DeGraffenreid, Eldon, Nellie Helton, Jefferson City; three brothers, Sherman Robinette, Tusculum, Basil Robinett, Kaiser, Gerald Robinett, Barnett; five grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, at First Baptist Church of Eldon.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, Tuesday, March 26, 2002

Alta Jean Fancher, 81, Crocker, died March 25, 2002, at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach. She was born July 9, 1920, in Iberia, a daughter of Joseph M., Sr. and Mary Belle Hensley Lamb. She was married Jan 6, 1940, in Clayton, to Truman Fancher, who died Oct 22, 1982.
A homemaker, she was a former member of the Mt. View Church of Christ near Iberia and was a member of the Crocker Church of Christ.
Survivors include: two sons, Donald Truman Fancher and Joseph Preston Fancher, both of ST. Loui; one daughter, Patricia Sue Brantley, Enterprise, Ala.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. Jim Meredith will officiate. Burial will be in Livingston Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to the Crocker Church of Christ.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, June 2004

(Larry) Doyle Stokes, 87, of Crocker, died June 13, 2004, in the Sunset Village Care Center, St. Robert. He was born February 14, 1916, in Hancock, a son of Thomas and Maude Slavens Stokes. He was married September 17, 1944, at Crocker to Velma Alice Whittle, who preceded him in death.
Survivors include: three sons, Jerry Stokes, Springfield, Donald Stokes and Thomas Stokes, both of Crocker; two daughters, Jeannie Stokes, Seattle, Wash. and Nadine Breunig, Reeseville, Wis.; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.
Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, in the Long Funeral Home, Crocker. Interment will be in the Crocker Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 9-10 a.m. Thursday, in the Long Funeral Home, Crocker.


Survivors include: one brother, Larry Young of Roscoe; one sister, Juanita M. Kemper of Eldon; and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, July 2, 16 Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorial services will follow at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Hickory Point Cemetery near Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Beth Myers Memorial Fund.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, June 2004

_Edith I. Dona Crum_, 86, Eldon, died June 25, 2004, in Jefferson City. She was a factory worker and member of Tuscumbia Christian Church and VFW Post #2442 Auxiliary, Eldon.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; six brothers, Nelse Ahart, Earl Ahart, Ralph Ahart, Alph Ahart, Ray Ahart and Fred Ahart; and one sister, Ida “Jarrett” King.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Burial will follow in Jarrett Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until the service. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

_Dennis R. McVay_, age 68, of Rocky Mount, died Friday, January 2, 2009, at Carnegie Village in Belton, Missouri. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on October 15, 1940, a son of the late Clarence and Dorothy (Glasner) McVay. On August 26, 1960, in Kansas City, Missouri, he was married to Donna Wolverton, who survives at the home. Dennis was a US Army veteran attached to the 82nd Airborne.

Others who survive him include: two children, Susan Glorioso and husband Dean and Dan McVay and wife Amy all of Lee’s Summit; four grandchildren, Nicholas and Anna Glorioso and Ryan and Katy McVay and one sister, Dixie Nichols.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Tim McMulin will officiate. Military honors provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be held at the funeral home immediately following the memorial service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Southerncare Hospice or American Cancer Society.

Andrew J. “Johnny” Schupp, age 81, of Eldon, died Saturday, January 3, 2009, at his home. He was born in Eldon on August 16, 1927, a son of the late William and Besse Jane (Pendelton) Schupp. On July 10, 1948, in Aurora Springs, he was married to Opal Bond, who survives at the home.

Others who survive him include: three children, Clifford Schupp and wife Cathy of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Michael Schupp and wife Barb of Kansas City, Kansas and Jerry Schupp and wife Cynthia of Russellville; eleven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. One brother, Clarence Schupp and one sister, Pauline Admire, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, at Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon. Rev. Chris Reynolds will officiate. Interment with military honors provided by the Miller
County VFW Post 2442 will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ninth Street Christian Church.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, December 2004

Charley Allen Harrison, age 85 of Iberia, died Friday, December 31, 2004, at Osage Beach Healthcare Center. He was born in Camden County on August 24, 1919, a son of the late George W. and Delsie (Robinett) Harrison. In June 1945, he was married to Juanita Cochran who survives.

Other survivors include: three step-grandchildren, Mike Green and Bill Green, both of Iberia; several step-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews; a brother and sisters-in-law.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Billy Claiborn will officiate. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, September 2004

Leahetta Graham, age 87, of Ulman, died Friday, September 3, 2004, at Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Ulman on November 30, 1916, a daughter of the late Albert Reice and Opal (Burks) McCommons. On September 20, 1940, in Camdenton, she was married to Raymond Graham, who preceded her in death on September 21, 1988.

Survivors include: three sons, Albert R. Graham of Tuscumbia, Harold G. Graham of Russellville and Gary R. Graham of Ulman; one daughter, Rayma Flaugher of Tuscumbia, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Ulman Baptist Church and WPFA in Ulman. She also enjoyed riding the OATS bus.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2004, at Ulman Baptist Church. Bro. Gene Edwards and Bro. Charles Worstell will officiate. Interment will be in the Gott Cemetery near Ulman. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ulman Baptist Church.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, April 2004

Faye Shackleford, age 76 of Tuscumbia, died April 4, 2004.

Survivors include: husband, Leonard Shackleford of the home; two sons, Mike Shackleford of Blue Springs and John Shackleford of Brookhaven, Mississippi; one brother, Halleck Biyeu of Kansas City; one sister, Opal Bilyeu of Chicago, Illinois; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, at the First Assembly of God Church in Tuscumbia. Interment will be in Bilyeu Cemetery near St. Elizabeth. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, May 2004

Melvin Eugene Rowden, age 64, of Meta, died May 1, 2004, at Capital Region Medical Center (Jefferson City). He was born in Maries County on March 7, 1940, a son of Virgil Eugene and Irene (Wilson) Rowden. His mother and step-father, Irene and Robert Fitzgerald, survive in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

On August 1, 1976, in Meta, he was married to Wanda Reeves, who survives at the home. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Other survivors include three sons: Eugene Rowden and wife Angie of Vienna, Mark Rowden and wife Tina of Dixon, and Michael Rowden and wife Nancy of Meta; one daughter: Susie MacCash and husband Steve of Rolla; one sister: Carolyn Clark and husband Ralph of Sierra Vista, Arizona; and 13 grandchildren.
Private family graveside services will be at the Melvin Rowden Family Cemetery near Meta. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home of Iberia.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Azalea Catherine (Williams) James passed away Thursday morning January 1, 2009 at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles, Missouri. She was 85 years old. On March 9, 1923 she was born in Ulman, Missouri to the late Lee Roy and Minnie (James) Williams. She was married in 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Gene Alfred James who preceded her in death on January 12, 2007.

She is survived by her Son & Daughter in law - Gene (Tom) & Teresa James of Olean, MO; two Grandsons, Tyler F. & Frevor O. James; several Nieces & Nephews, and Great Nieces and Nephews. Also preceding her in death are two sons, David & Roger James, a grandchild, Travis James, and three brothers, and three sisters.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri.

Private Graveside Services will be held on Saturday January 3, 2009 at the Hickory Point Cemetery in Iberia, Missouri with Brother Bob Hoskins officiating. Memorials for Azalea Catherine James are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, July 2002

James Orville “Buster” Cochran, 75, Iberia, died July 6, 2002, at his home. He was born Aug 8, 1926, in Camden County, a son of Omer and Pearl Boren Cochran. He was married June 24, 1961, in Brumley, to Betty Marie Zeigenbein, who survives at the home. He was a farmer and an Army veteran.

Survivors include: two daughters, Betty Renee Cochran, Iberia, and Starla Kay Schulte, St. Anthony; six grandchildren; and two step grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. The Rev. Charles Caldwell will officiate. Burial with military honors will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, June 2002

Lonnie Oscar Luttrell, 52, Brumley, died June 9, 2002, at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach. He was born Dec. 23, 1949, in Miller County, a son of Kenneth and Juanita Brown Luttrell. He was a fork lift driver in the food industry.


Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia. The Rev. Ralph Byrd will officiate. Inurment will be in Robinett Cemetery near Brumley at a later date. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Thursday. Memorials are suggested to the Lonnie Luttrell Memorial Fund.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, July 13, 2004

Pauline Brooks Kehr, age 98, of Eldon, died Monday, July 12, 2004, at St. Mary’s Health Center (Jefferson City). She was born in Eugene on December 25, 1905, a daughter of the late Walter and Lulu Maude (Miller) Haynes. On October 7, 1932, in Linn, she was married to Jesse J. Kehr, who preceded her in death on June 2, 2003.

She was a 1927 graduate of the University of Missouri. She was a homemaker and taught school in St. Louis for a short time.

Survivors include: one son, Doug Kehr of Jefferson City; one daughter, Carol Stith of Lake Ozark; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.
A daughter, Sula Connell, preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Stanley Haynes.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Jay Quinn officiating. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Dream Factory.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday, January 9, 2009

Pauline Margaret Kieweg, 95, died Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at Park Manor Nursing Home in Park Falls, Wis. Pauline Margaret Bax was born September 7, 1913, in Freeburg, Mo., a daughter of John Bernard and Anna Angela (Rehagen) Bax, both of whom were descended from Missouri pioneer families.

Pauline is survived by two nieces: Mary E. Bax Stigler of Wis. And Margaret Goggins Kuczkowski of S.C.; three nephews – Timm A. Bax of Arizona, Thomas Goggins of Florida and Patrick Goggins of Texas; nine grandchildren.

Cremation was in Park Falls, Wisconsin. Burial will be in spring 2009 at St. Cecelia Catholic Cemetery, Butternut, Wis.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, December 2004


He was a U.S. Army veteran of W.W. II, serving in the South Pacific with the 207th Ordinance Company as an automotive inspector. He was awarded two bronze service stars in the campaign of New Guinea Bismak Archipelago.

Following his discharge from the Army, he worked as an automotive mechanic in Dixon. He served with the National Guard from 1947 to 1949. He was chief inspector with the maintenance division of the Civil Service at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., until he retired in 1973.

He was a member of St. Joseph Cathedral where he served as an usher for many years.

Other survivors include two sons and their wives, Dennis and Katie Otto, Carmel, Ind.; and Dwain and Wilma Otto, Stoutland, Mo; and one daughter and her husband, Mary Ann and Bobby Mayo, Phoenix, Ariz.; two stepsons, Jack Boillot, Springfield, Mo.; and Bill Boillot and his wife, Margaret, Abilene, Kansas; one step-daughter and her husband, Judy and Ken Holzem, Linn; seven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Otto; three sisters, Tillie Alexander; Hattie Otto; and Rosalie Otto; and two half-brothers, John Otto and Henry Otto.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at ST. Joseph Cathedral with the Rev. Thomas E. McGrath officiating. Burial with full military honors will be in Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Memorials ares suggested to St. Joseph Cathedral, 2305 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, Mo.

Jefferson City News Tribune, January 2005

Calvin Benny Whitaker, age 89 of Iberia, died Friday, December 31, 2004, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born in Iberia on October 7, 1915, a son of the late Thomas Benton and Odessa Dakota (Humphrey) Whitaker. On October 7, 1936, in Waynesville, he was married to Hester Jones who survives at the home.
He had been a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge #410 AF and AM for over 50 years. He was a member of the Abou Ben Shriner’s Temple in Springfield, the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, and a charter member of the Iberia Saddle Club. He was a member of Brays Advent Christian Church. He started his career as a lineman with Gasconade Rural Coop in Dixon and worked for civil service at Ft. Leonard Wood until his retirement in 1973. He loved horses and enjoyed telling stories.

Other survivors include: one son, Rex Whitaker and wife Marilin of Iberia; one daughter, Patsy Alexander of Dixon; two brothers, Archie Whitaker of Dixon and Leo Whitaker of Trenton; four sisters, Velma Welch of Dixon, Erma Williams of Eldon, Gladys Slone of Tuscumbia and Edith Duckworth of Liberty; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Three sisters, Lennie Thompson, Lena Jones, and Norma Whitaker; and one great-grandson, preceded him in death.

Services were at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2005, at Brays Advent Christian Church near Iberia with Rev. Manuel Seaton, Rev. Kenny Sullins, and Rev. Earl Skidds officiating. Interment was in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with a Masonic Service at 7p.m. Memorials are suggested to Union Cemetery.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Ella M. Neumann, 97, died Saturday, January 3, 2009 at St. Joseph’s Home in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born February 27, 1911 in Morrison, Missouri, to Phillip and Josephine Bauer. She was married to Oscar F. Neumann on Thanksgiving Day, November 30, 1933 in Hermann, Missouri.

Ella was born and raised in Morrison before moving to Hermann, where she married and began her family. In the mid 1950’s the family moved to Jefferson City, Missouri. In 1961 she and her husband became owners of Indian Creek Resort on the Lake of the Ozarks where she worked until retirement and continued to live there until entering St. Joseph’s Home in 2005.

Ella was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, Missouri, where she was a member of the Altar Society. She also belonged to the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary and was involved in other volunteer activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, sisters Colette Klos and Clara Baumgaertner, and brothers Albert and Leo Bauer.

She is survived by four daughters: Mary Ann Stegeman of Barnett, Jean Hemmel of Jefferson City, Carol Zimmerman of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Kay Neumann-Thomas of Indianola, Iowa; and a sister in-law, Tina Bauer of Plymouth, Michigan. She had nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Visitation will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, with the Rev. Frederick Elskamp and Rev. Dennis Meyer officiating. Burial will be at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Missouri.

Ella was a friend to all who met her. She loved living at the Lake of the Ozarks. Along with running the resort, she enjoyed fishing and she provided many family feasts of crappie and homemade bread. She also enjoyed bird watching, playing board games and cards, and international travel. Most of all she loved her faith, family and friends.

Memorials are suggested to Community Hospices of Jefferson City, Sacred Heart Church of Eldon, or Mount Grace Convent, P.O. Box 470219, St. Louis, MO 63147.

Raymond McCreery, 99, of Eldon, Missouri, died Monday, January 5, 2009 at Miller County Care and Rehab Center in Tuscumbia, Missouri.

He was born on October 19, 1909 in Stoutsville, Missouri the son of the late Russell and
Gertie (Painter) McCreery. He was married on November 20, 1932 in Paris, Missouri to Beulah (Long) McCreery, who survives at the home.

He was a member of Aurora Springs Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri serving as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the Carpentry Union, Rural Letter Carrier Association and the National Rifleman Association.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah McCreery of the home; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Roger and Linda McCreery and Lee and Pat McCreery all of Eldon, Missouri; eight grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri. Funeral Service will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri with the Rev. Don Bailey officiating. Graveside Service and Interment will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 3:00 PM at Stoutsville Cemetery in Stoutsville, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to Miller County Care and Rehab Center or to the Donor’s Choice.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Ann Agnes Lindenbusch, age 96, of St. Elizabeth, died Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born in Osage Bend on August 29, 1912, daughter of Anton and Catherine (Bode) Haselhorst. On June 15, 1946, in Jefferson City, she married Albert H. Lindenbusch, who preceded her in death on February 19, 2007.

Ann was very active in the community; she was a member of St. Ann’s Sodality and St. Elizabeth American Legion Auxiliary 545. She was a homemaker and a past CCD teacher. She is survived by one son, Dan Lindenbusch and wife Jane of St. Thomas; three grandchildren, Susanne Brenneke and husband John of Osage Bend, Amy Lindenbusch of St. Thomas, and Marc Lindenbusch and wife Erin of St. Thomas; four great-grandchildren, Jordan Brenneke, Cole Brenneke, Zachary Brenneke, and Hannah Brenneke.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter Kathleen Mathilda Lindenbusch.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Clarence Wiederholt will officiate. Interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery in St. Elizabeth. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Thomas Church Catholic School.

Mildred Howard (nee Crane), age 90, of St. Elizabeth, died Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born on April 13, 1918, in St. Anthony, daughter of David and Olive (Pendleton) Crane. On February 23, 1937, in Jefferson City, she married James Howard, who preceded her in death on October 26, 1997. Mildred was a member of Meta Christian Church.

She is survived by four children, Helen Moellering of Rochester, New York, Jan Maples of Warrenton, James Howard Jr. and wife Glenda Sue of House Springs, and David Howard of St. Elizabeth; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Loraine Carroll of Marshfield and Ann Carroll of Bakersfield, California. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one infant daughter, Elizabeth Ann Howard; four brothers, Elmer, Ogal, Perry, and David Crane; and three sisters Millie Martin, Ina Gumpenberger, and Cleo Kerns.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Rev. Dale Beasterfeld will officiate. Interment will be in Southside Cemetery in Meta. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions are suggested to Southside Cemetery.
Margaret Helena (Berendzen) Hake, age 91, of Mary’s Home, Mo., died Wednesday, December 22, 2004, in Mary’s Home. She was born December 3, 1913 to Herman Fredrick and Sophie Eliazabeth (Lepper) Berendzen. She was married on May 20, 1930 to Albert “Bud” Henry Hake, who preceded her in death on Marcy 17, 1983.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church of Mary’s Home, the Legion of Mary, and the Ladies Sodality. She was employed as a cook at Our Lady of the Snows School for 11 years. She worked at Ralston Purina for two years and retired from Cheseborough Ponds in 1972 after eight years of employment.

Survivors include: one granddaughter, Karla (Hake) Libbert and her husband Jim; four grandsons, Alan Hake, Charles Hake, Wayne Lepper and his wife Shonda, Dennis Lepper; three great-grandchildren, Shane Libbert, Makayla Lepper, and Makenzie Lepper, one daughter-in-law, Cordie (Hake) Hibdon; and one son-in-law, Andrew Lepper. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Alfred Hake; one daughter, Anna Marie Lepper; and two brothers, August Berendzen and George Lepper.

Visitation will be held 4-8 p.m. on Sunday, December 26, at Phillips Funeral Home, Mary’s Home. The Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 0 a.m. on Monday, December 27 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary’s Home, with the Rev. Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Burial will be in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Mary’s Home. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Jefferson City or OATS, Inc.

Velda Marie Wood, age 72, of Eldon, Mo., died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, in Eldon, Mo. She was born March 12, 1932, in Brumley, Mo., to Paul Pittman Wright and Lee Slote Burks. She was married July 28, 1948, in Harrison, Arkansas, to Vincel V. Wood.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy, she attended all of their activities. She loved flowers and her flower garden and loved to collect angel figurines. She loved to travel and especially enjoyed fireworks celebrations. She was a member of the Concord Baptist Church, where she also attended Sunday School and church. She attended a weekly Bible Study and the Eldon Senior Center. She was a member of the XYZ Club at the First Baptist Church in Eldon, Missouri. She was also a member of the Red Hat Diva Club, Eldon Chapter. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Vincel V. Wood of Eldon, Mo.; daughters and sons-in-law: Rita and David Spalding of Holts Summit, Mo., and Linda and Mike Procter of Eldon, Mo.; sister and brother-in-law, Monica and David McMillen of Eldon, Mo.; grandchildren: Melanie and Todd Walker, Melissa Spalding, Angela and Ryan Loethen, Kirsten and Kristopher Wright, Garrick Procter, Christopher and Jill Wood, Nathan Wood; great-grandchildren: Colby Walker, Emma Spalding, Tyler, Wyatt and Hannah Loethen. She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Wood, and by one brother, Junior Wright.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2004, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Services will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the First Baptist Church in Eldon, Mo., with ministers, Dr. Monte Shikle and Dr. Randall Bunch officiating. Burial will be in the Hawthorn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Jefferson City. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor’s choice.


He was a member of ST. Anthony of Padua Church. His favorite pastime was caring for and playing with his beloved dogs.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Kendy Buechter of Eldon; three brothers, Bryan Buechter of Tusculumia, Stephen Buechter of Wardsville, and Dale Buechter of Meta; three sisters, Sandra Wieberg of St. Anthony, Sharon Falter of Freeburg, and Shirley Bock of Meta; 10 nieces, five nephews, and two great-nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2004 at ST. Anthony of Padua Church in Sts. Anthony. Rev. M. Christopher Smith will officiate. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the St. Anthony Parish Hall with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, Monday, May 24, 2004

Elmo J. Schulte, Sr., age 83 years, of Eldon, Mo., died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at Capital Region Medical Center (Jefferson City) as a result of complications suffered from acute leukemia. Mr. Schulte was born May 19, 1921, near Mary’s Home, Mo., the son of Herman C. Schulte and Mary (Doerhoff) Schulte, both deceased.

He was married on May 26, 1942, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Cletice Sprenkle. She preceded him in death in 2002.

A lifelong resident of the Miller County area, he attended Eugene High School and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942. He served on the Light Cruiser USS Santa Fe, attaining the rank of Chief Petty Officer Electrician in 18 months. From 1943 through 1945, he participated in 13 major Pacific operations and over 200 enemy engagements beginning with the US Forces landing on Attu in the Aleutian Islands and culminating with the invasion of Okinawa and signing of the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay. Most notably, the ship and crew were awarded the Navy Unit Citation for performing the daring shipside rescue of 883 survivors off of the stricken aircraft carrier USS Franklin despite of hail and exploding ammunition fires.

In 1946, he established an electrical contracting firm in Eldon, Mo. In addition, he established and operated the Circle E. Ranch near Eldon which produced several nationally prized pure-bred Polled Herefords. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing and farming.

His survivors include: one son, E.J. Schulte, and his wife Susie and two grandchildren, Jon and Abigail of Eldon, MO.; three brothers: Otto Schulte of Columbia, Fred Schulte of Henley, Herman Schulte, Jr. of Marshall; two sisters: Lois Motley of Laddonia, and Viola Steenburgen of Boise, Idaho, and one sister-in-law, Hazel Schulte of Eldon.

His brother, Harold Schulte and sisters, Augusta Kempker and Hilda Rephlo preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. with a wake and rosary starting at 7:30 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Memorial contributions can be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, MO. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, MO., with Rev. Clarence Wiederholt officiating. Interment will be at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, MO. Full Military Honors will be held at the graveside.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Cletus “Clete” Schulte, age 68, of Eldon, Mo., died December 5, 2004, in Eldon, Mo. He was born August 3, 1936, in Mary’s Home, Mo., to Francis B. Schulte and Mayme (Kempker) Schulte. He was married April 27, 1957, in Jefferson City, MO., to Wilma (Robinett) Schulte.
He was employed as an estimator for the Apac Road Division. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, MO.; the Knights of Columbus of Eldon, MO.; member of the Eagles Club in Jefferson City, Mo., and the Buffalo Club of Olean, Mo.; he was also a member of the Carpenter’s Union #945 of Jefferson City, MO.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Schulte, of the home; one son, Dean Schulte of Union, Mo.; two daughters: Judy Schulte of Eldon, Mo., and Kim Schulte of Eldon, Mo.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; seven brothers: Bernard Schulte, Mary’s Home, Mo., Wilfred Schulte, Jefferson City, Mo., Maurice Schulte, Jefferson City, Mo., Kenneth Schulte, Holts Summit, Mo., Michael Schulte, Brazito, Mo., Danny Schulte of St. Louis, MO., and Sam Schulte of Jefferson City, Mo.; four sisters: Carolyn Rehagen of Jefferson City, Mo., Rose Oligschlaeger of Mary’s Home, Mo., Lue Ann Hogg of Eugene, Mo., Elizabeth Heckmeyer of St. Elizabeth, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-mother, Lucy (Kirkweg) Schulte.

Visitation will be from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 7, at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, MO., with a Rosary prayed at 6 p.m. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, MO., Rev. Frederick Elskamp officiating. Burial in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett, Mo. Memorials are suggested to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the American Cancer Society; or the charity of the donor’s choice.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune, Tuesday, December 21, 2004

Mrs. Opal DeAtley Loesch, age 99 years, of Jefferson City, Mo., died Sunday, December 19, 2004, at the Jefferson City Manor Nursing Center. Mrs. Loesch was born August 16, 1905, in Miller County, Mo., the daughter of William Grant and Gertrude Clark DeAtley. She was married on July 19, 1923, in Jefferson City, Mo., to Julius M. Loesch, who preceded her in death on June 4, 1975.

A lifelong resident of the Jefferson City area, Mrs. Loesch attended Jefferson City Public Schools. She was employed by the Oberman Manufacturing Company from 1933 until 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Loesch owned and operated the Jefferson Rug Company for many years.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, where she served as chairman of the Altar Guild; a member of the Dorcas Society; a member of the Braille Workers; a member of the Lutheran Laymen’s League; a member of the Ladies Guild; a member of the Mary Martha Circle; and a member of the Retirees Fellowship. She also represented Faith Church in the Heisinger Lutheran Retirement Auxiliary.

She was president of the Navy Mothers during World War II and was president of the Host Lioness Club. Mrs. Loesch was a member of the Hawthorn Gardens Club; a member of the Flower Arrangers Study Group; a member of the YMCA; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Roscoe Enloe Post 5; a member of the Republican Women’s Club; a member of the Capital City Woman’s Club; and a member of the Cole County Historical Society.

Other survivors include: several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one son, Ralph Loesch, on August 1, 1948.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 23, 2004, at Faith Lutheran Church with the Reverend James Kalthoff, the Reverend Anthony Alter, and the Reverend Alvin Lange officiating. Interment will be at Riverview Cemetery. Friends may call at Faith Lutheran Church from 9-10 a.m. Thursday, December 23, 2004. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Janet Charlotte Steen, age 71, of Enid, Oklahoma, formerly of Iberia, passed away Thursday, January 1, 2009, at her residence. She was born on December 4, 1937, in Iberia, daughter of Waldo Amos and Eula Popplewell Steen.
Janet was raised and educated in Iberia and attended Missouri Baptist School of Nursing where she received her RN Diploma. She was commissioned in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and served as a flight nurse. Later she became an Air Force Recruiter. Janet was a self-taught genealogist. She lived throughout the United States and was a resident of Enid, Oklahoma for the past two years.

Janet is survived by two brothers, Sherril Steen and wife Alice of Weatherford, Texas and James Steen and wife Bella of Eldon; four sisters, Carol Elseman and husband Louis of Barnett, Alice Tyler and husband Robert of College Park, Maryland, Marylin Whitaker and husband Rex of Iberia, and Eula Maye Bond and husband Wyeth of California; three aunts, Phyllis Steen, Lucille Steen, and Elva Steen; 22 nieces and nephews, 46 great-nieces and nephews; and 14 great great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Geraldine Atwell; and one brother, Roger Steen.

Visitation will be from 6-8 P.M. on Friday, January 9, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. A private family graveside service will be held in Williams Cemetery, near Iberia. Rev. Louis Elseman will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Williams Cemetery or to the Miller County Historical Society.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Jesse E. Jarrett, 86 of Eldon, Missouri passed away Monday evening January 5, 2009 at Lake Regional Health Systems in Osage Beach, Missouri. On March 24, 1922 he was born in Norfolk, Arkansas to the late Manford and Mattie (Miller) Jarrett.

He is survived by his two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank & Susan Jarrett of Eldon, Missouri and Wayne & Virgie Jarrett of Eldon, Missouri; two nieces, Linda Jarrett and Paula Jarrett of Eldon, Missouri; nephew Tommy Jarrett of Eldon, Missouri. Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters Frances Jarrett and Irene Carrender, and brother-in-law Lora "Joe" Carrender.

In the mid 1930's Jesse family moved to the Eldon area. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II from 1942 to 1946. He graduated in 1954 from the University of Missouri in Columbia, earning a degree in electrical engineering. He and his brother owned and operated a garage in Eldon, Missouri for many years, but his true occupational love was his farm. He was a very devoted family man.

The visitation will be Friday, January 9 from 12-2 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. The funeral service will follow with interment in Spring Garden Cemetery.

The Eldon Advertiser, Thursday, July 13, 1950

The funeral of Gladys Agnes Nichols was held at Eugene Christian Church July 5, with Rev. John Jenkins officiating. Burial was in the Eugene Cemetery with Kays Funeral Service of Eldon.

Mrs. Nichols, the daughter of Frank and Rosa Kelly, was born in Miller County, Mo., Jan 4, 1905 and died at her home in Eldon July 3. She had been in failing health for several years. On May 31, 1926, she was married to Guy R. Nichols who survives her. Preceding her in death besides her parents were two brothers: Alfred Lawrence Kelly, who died at the age of eighteen months, and Albert Kelly, who died at the age of 34 years, Dec. 9, 1936.

Besides her husband and a step-son, Mrs. Nichols is survived by one sister, Mrs. Nellie Jenkins of Barnett, and three brothers, Henry Kelly of Jefferson City, Joe Kelly of Eldon and Lester Kelly of St. Louis.

The Unterrified Democrat, September 1973

Mrs. Ida R. Doerhoff, age 74 years, of St. Elizabeth, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, August 28, 1973, at the Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mrs. Doerhoff was born May 22, 1899 in St. Elizabeth, Miller County, the daughter of Bernard J. and Gertrude Wulff Bode.
At the age of 2 years she was stricken with poliomyelitis leaving her with a crippled left foot but not deterring her from a full and active life. She learned to play the piano at an early age and along with teaching school in the St. Anthony and St. Elizabeth areas, also gave private piano lessons. Mrs. Doerhoff was also employed by the Bank of St. Elizabeth for around 30 years until her retirement and was pianist for Doerhoff Dance Band groups since the 1920's through the 60's. She was assistant church organist until 1956 at which time she became organist until 1969.

Mrs. Doerhoff was united in marriage on June 6, 1949 in St. Elizabeth, Missouri, to Stephen Lawrence Doerhoff, who preceded her in death on August 6, 1959. She lived all her life in St. Elizabeth where she was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society, a member of the church choir for 60 years and a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary of St. Elizabeth Missouri Unit #535.

Mrs. Doerhoff was also preceded in death by her parents, Bernard and Gertrude; 3 brothers, Joseph, Conrad and Bernard; and 3 sisters, Margaret Bode, Mrs. Mary Doerhoff and Mrs. Elizabeth Doerhoff.

Surviving are: Four stepsons, Leonard, Roy and Norman Doerhoff, all of St. Elizabeth; and Emil of Wentzville, Missouri; 1 step daughter, Mrs. Cyrilla Heckemeyer of St. Elizabeth; 1 sister, Mrs. Josephine Wilbers of St. Elizabeth and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Thursday, August 30 at the St. Lawrence Catholic church in St. Elizabeth. Interment was in the parish cemetery. Pallbearers were Gary, Rick, Alan and Mike Doerhoff, Gene Heckemeyer and Bernard Wilbers.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Gladys L. Humphrey, age 93, of St. Charles, formerly of Iberia, passed away Saturday, January 10, 2009, at National Health Care in St. Charles. She was born in Freeburg, Illinois, on September 27, 1915, daughter of John Peter and Emma (Jones) Frisch. On September 12, 1942, in Warrenton, Gladys married William Ernest Humphrey Sr., who preceded her in death on March 26, 1998.

Gladys was a member of the Iberia American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and a past member of Iberia United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, William E. Humphrey Jr. of St. Charles and John C. Humphrey of Woodville, Alabama; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and four sisters.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Services will follow at 1 p.m. with Rev. Roy L. Gilkey officiating. Interment will be in Union Cemetery. Memorial Contributions are suggested to Union Cemetery.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Saturday, January 3, 2009

Rosemary Joan Livengood, 76, Eldon, passed away Sunday, November 23, 2008, at her home. She was born September 14, 1932, the daughter of John Hobusch and Eva Parcell.

Survivors include: one daughter, Violet Livengood; two sons, Norman Richwoods and Ronald Livengood; one sister, Ethal Tobey; 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman and two sons, Michael Scoggins and Kevin Livengood.

Services were held at the Eldon City Cemetery, Eldon, Saturday, November 29, 2008 at 2 p.m. Arrangements were under the direction of Hedges-Scott Funeral Home, Camdenton.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

W. Harold Mongold passed away peacefully January 13, 2009 at the age of 86. Preceding him in death were his Mother, Father, two sisters, and two brothers. He was born in Sulfer Rock, Arkansas. He was raised in Springfield, Missouri.
He sold and repaired typewriters at his business, Aaron Office Machines for many years in Kansas City, Missouri. He moved to Tusculumia, Missouri with his wife in 1978. He leaves his wife Jean of the home, a daughter from a previous marriage Melody & Hansraj Sadarangani, three granddaughters Sandeia Sadarangani, Asha & Anthony Abbott, Sharmila & Kenny Allen and six great grandchildren Wade, Tiffany, Gabrielle, Tony, Evan, & Luke. He also leaves his sister Virginia Harpool and many nieces & nephews.

Harold proudly served his country from 1942-1945 in the European Theatre in World War II where he earned three Bronze Stars. He was a member of the VFW Post #2442 and Commander for nine terms. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #229 and a member of the Lion’s Club. He loved his family and people in general. He enjoyed his trips to town. He made friends wherever he went. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be Saturday January 17, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO 1:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow. Interment will be in Tusculumia Cemetery Tusculumia, Missouri with Bro. Bob Hoskins officiating. Memorials are suggested to The VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, Missouri. Full Military Honors will be provided at the Graveside.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, January 17, 2008

Barbara Bass Brandt, 60, of Tusculumia died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at her home. She was born Nov. 18, 1947, in Birmingham, Ala., to James and Sybil Gabel Bass. Her mother survives in Huntsville, Ala. On Oct 13, 2000, she was married in Versailles to John Edward Brandt Sr., who survives at the home. Mrs. Brandt was a member of the Jefferson City Red Hat Society. Also surviving her are a daughter, Christina Price of St. Louis, a brother, James Bass of the state of North Carolina; three stepchildren, John E. Brandt, Jr. of Granite City, Ill., and Jeanette F. Gerst and Jennifer E. Brandt, both of Lakeland, Fla.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at REkus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth, Pastor Jim Dowdy officiated. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Garvin Alton Lee, of St. Peters died Dec. 21, 1007. He was born June 21, 1921, in Iberia to William and Nora Lawson Lee. Mr. Lee was a member of the Iberia First United Methodist Church. He was a diesel mechanic, a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post at Crocker, the Shriners and the Masons. He played the fiddle in bluegrass bands. He served his country in the U.S. Army.

Preceding him in death were his siblings, Ellis Lee, Ruby Patterson and Virgie Setser. Surviving are his wife, Beatrice; two stepsons and their wives, Michael and Janis Vaughan and Patrick and Carol Vaughan, all of St. Charles; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Susan and Hohn Helm of St. Peters and Jane Vaughan of St. Louis; two sisters, Esther Machon of Jefferson City and Bonnie McClure of O’Fallon, Ill.; and four grandchildren, Patrick Vaughan Jr., John Adam Helm, Jeanne Helm, all of St. Louis, and Eric Vaughan of St. Charles.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Alternative Funeral and Cremation Services Chapel with a visitation. Memorials may be made to the Dick Lawson Cemetery at Iberia.

William E. Kessler, 67, of Tusculumia died Friday, Jan 11, 2008, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. He was born Dec. 24, 1940, in Marshall. He was reared by his foster parents, Harold and Mabel Curry, who preceded him in death. On June 25, 1960, he was united in marriage in Tusculumia to Beulah Jean Witt, who survives at the home.

Mr. Kessler started his career as a licensed practical nurse at the Tusculumia Clinic. He also worked for the Miller County Care Center, St. Elizabeth Care Center, Villa Marie Skilled
Nursing Facility, Missouri State Penitentiary and the Miller County Sheriff’s Department until his retirement. He worked at Still Hospital as a patient account manager and owned and operated Kentucky Fried Chicken in Eldon for four years. He was a member of the North Shore Baptist Church.

Also surviving him are a son and his wife, Rev. Mark and Deborah Kessler of Ulman; two daughters and their husbands, Sherri and Shane Wood and Nichole and David Grimwood, all of Tusculumbia; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Ed Teal and the Rev. Mark Kessler officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Tusculumbia. Memorials may be made to the William F. Kessler Memorial Fund.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008

Velma Veasman Welch, 93, of Dixon died Thursday, January 31, 2008, at Dixon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born March 5, 1914, in Iberia to Thomas Benton and Odessa Dakota Humphrey Whitaker. On Sept. 23, 1935, she was married to Raymond C. Veasman, who died June 13, 1977. On June 18, 1981, she was married in Rocky Mount to Davis C. Welch, who died July 21, 1991.

Mrs. Welch became a member of the Brays Advent Christian Church at an early age and later transferred her member ship to the Dixon First Christian Church. She was a volunteer at both churches for many years. She attended public schools at Brays, the Iberia Academy, Ieria Junior College and Warrensburg Teachers College, now the University of Central Missouri. She taught school for 12 years and worked at Ft. Leonard Wood for 18 years as a budget analyst. She retired on a disability in 1966.

She was a charter member of and served a number of years on the Dixon Senior Citizens Center Council. She also served on the Mid Ozark Medical Board and was a member of the Dixon Manor Housing Board for more than 25 years. She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and held the offices of district deputy grand matron and grand representative. When Dixon celebrated its centennial in 1969, she volunteered for many hours.

Surviving her are two brothers, Archie Whitaker of Dixon and Leo Whitaker of Trenton; two sisters, Gladys Slone of Springfield and Edith Duckworth of Liberty and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Dixon Christian Church with Pastor Wilbur Warman and Pastor Duane Mitchell officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery near Iberia under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorials may be made to the Union Cemetery Fund.

Harry “Judy” Judson Berry, 78, of Jefferson City died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. He was born Feb. 22, 1929, in Iberia to Garrett A. and Vesta Clarice Livingston Berry. On June 3, 1950, he was married at the Hickory Hill Baptist Church to Marilewann Norfleet, who survives at the home.

Mr. Berry was a 1946 graduate of Tusculumbia High School. He worked for Anchor Milling Company in Tusculumbia as a bookkeeper from 1948 until 1961. He then worked as an analyst for the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Md., from February 1956 until his retirement in January 1986. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force from 1951 until 1955 and obtained the rank of staff sergeant, serving in the Korean War. He was a member of the Carrollan Woods Baptist Church in Riverdale, Md.

Also surviving are a daughter and her husband, Melissa and Paul Amick of Columbia, Md.; a son and his wife, John Charles and Kathleen Berry of Raleigh, N.C.; six grandchildren, Matthew, Megan, Andrew, Joseph, Michael and Ann.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Houser-Millard Funeral Home in Jefferson City. Burial, with full military honors, was in Spring Garden Cemetery near Eugene. Memorials may be made to the Miller County Historical Society.

Anna Belle Beard, 71, of Brumley died Sunday, Feb 3, 2008, at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born Oct. 3, 1936, in Ava to Harrison and Jessie May Points Hunsaker. On Jan 22, 1955, she was married in Bettendorf, Iowa, to Byron Logan Beard Sr., who died March 12, 1990.

She owned and operated Annie’s Cozy Kitchen in Tuscumbia and was a former mayor of the village. She was a member of the Ulman Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Byron Beard, Jr. of Brumley and Brian Beard of Camdenton; seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild; three brothers, George, Frank and Doug Hunsaker; and a sister, Geraldine Hunsaker. An infant daughter, Karen Kay Beard, and a son, Brent Beard, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia with Bro. Mark Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Boltz Cemetery near Brumley. Memorials may be made to the cemetery.

Unknown Missouri newspaper, January 1978

Rose Cunnigunda Plassmeyer, 70, of Rte. 1, Meta, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1978 at St. Mary's Health Center in Jefferson City where she had been a patient since Nov. 26th.

Mrs. Plassmeyer was born August 29, 1907 in St. Elizabeth to John and Theresia (Bax) Lueckenhoff. She was united in marriage on April 16, 1929, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth to Emil P. Plassmeyer, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Plassmeyer lived all her life in Maries County since her marriage. She was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth, St. Ann's Sodality and St. Elizabeth WPFA Club.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one daughter, Evelyn at three weeks of age; five brothers, Ben, Frank, Henry, Anton and Joel Lueckenhoff and four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Huhmann, Mrs. Mary Massman, Katie Brenneke and Cecelia Lueckenhoff.

Surviving are: her husband; two sons, Norbert J. Plassmeyer of Jefferson City and Leo S. Plassmeyer of Meta; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Gentges of Loose Creek; one brother, Conrad Lueckenhoff of St. Louis; and eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The rosary was recited at 7:30 PM Wednesday and 7:30 PM Thursday at the Stevinson Chapel in St. Elizabeth. Funeral services will be held at 111 am Friday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Msgr. John Huhmann and the Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Interment will be in the St. Lawrence Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of St. Elizabeth.

Pallbearers will be Virgil Plassmeyer, Alex Plassmeyer, Sylvester Schulte, Albert Plassmeyer, John Massman and Philip Gentges."

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Juanita R. “Bill” Marriott age 87 died Saturday January 17, 2009 at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born near Tuscumbia on September 24, 1921, the daughter of Monroe and Stella (Wyrick) Roberts. She graduated from Tuscumbia School in 1940. On July 25, 1958 she was married in New Orleans, Louisiana to Raymond D. “Bud” Marriott who survives of the home. She worked for Cartwright Van Lines for twenty years. She was a member of the Eugene Chapter of OES and the Eldon VFW Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Ninth Street Christian Church of Eldon, Missouri. She loved to travel.

She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, and eight sisters, Mary Roberts, Ollie Abbott, Lucy Umstead, Jenny Bear, Bertha Reinke,
Rue Adcock, 88, passed away January 19, 2009 in Eldon. He was born December 29, 1920 to Harry R. Adcock and Mabel (Rains) Adcock in Eldon. He lived in Eldon his entire life. Rue married Berniece (Thompson) on October 26, 1947, and she survives. He graduated from Eldon High School in 1939. He served in the United States Navy Submarine Service aboard the U.S.S. Redfin during World War II, 1942-1946. Rue owned and operated Adcock Electric in Eldon for thirty-six years. He was a member of the First Christian Church, the Submarine Veterans of World War II, the Osage River Antique Power Association, the American Legion, the VFW and a past member of the Lion’s Club and the Eldon Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife of the home; daughter Cheryl Evans and husband Pat of Cape Girardeau; daughter Lana Poole and husband Greg of Columbia; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; brother Bill Adcock and wife Darlene of Eldon; sister-in-law Della Fern Hood of Eldon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Ruth Russell and brother Ralph Adcock.

Unknwon Publication, July 1950

Mrs. James Chesley Wyrick, 79, daughter of Peter Burton and Joan Lupardus, died July 7. She was born September 28, 1870.

On March 15, 1896, she was married to James Chesley Wyrick, who died March 30, 1960. They were the parents of six children. One daughter died at the age of 2 years and another daughter, Cecil, at the age of 41.

Surviving members of the family are a daughter, Ruby Kinder, Bouton, Iowa; Charles, Otis, and Bill of Kansas City, Mo.; and Floyd of Eldon; three sisters: Mrs. Dell Gover, Mae McDonald and Minnie Patterson of Ulman. Three brothers: Bert Lupardus, Eldon, Jim Lupardus, Jefferson City, and Charles of Lake Ozark also survive. There are twenty grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Early in life Mrs. Wyrick became a member of Mt. Zion Church and when she and her husband moved to Ulman their membership was transferred to the Ulman Christian Church.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Ulman Christian Church with Rev. Mark Sooter officiating, assisted by Rev. Earl Brown. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, July 1950

Mrs. Earl Wood, 54, died at her home south of Eldon early Wednesday morning, July 5. She became ill in November 1949 and had been confined to her bed most of the time since then.

The funeral was held at Mt. Carmel Church Thursday afternoon, July 5, with Rev. Elmer Thacker in charge of the services. Burial was in the Woods Cemetery with Phillips Funeral Home service.
Mary Lurel Burris was born near Tuscumbia, Mo., June 7, 1891, the daughter of Joseph N. and Livonia Stark Burris. She was married to William Earl Wood November 2, 1912 and they were parents of sixteen children, three of whom preceded their mother in death.

Mrs. Burris is survived by her husband and thirteen children: Mrs. Bernice Gaither, Mrs. Erma Fiera (Flera?), Mrs. Wanda Vernon Lloyd, Clyde and Eddie Wood of Eldon, Harold and Billie Wood of Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Maxine McKinley of Barnett, and Clayton, Eloise, Fern and Mary Faye of the home. There are twenty-two grandchildren. One grandson preceded her in death.

Also surviving are three brothers and two sisters: Joseph, Edward and Oliver Burris; Mrs. Florence Carr of Kansas City, Kan., and Mrs. Sam Downing of Olathe, Kan.

For thirty-one years she had been a member of the Flatwoods Baptist Church where she held her membership at the time of her death.

Unknown Publication, February 1978

Rector “Rex” Robinett, 73, Ashland, died this morning at his home from an apparent heart attack. He was born Jan. 27, 1906, at Brumley, the son of Livery and Ollie Mae Phillips Robinett. On Sept. 19, 1925, he was married to Margaret Bennett, who survives. Mr. Robinett was a member of a Baptist Church at Brumley.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Betty Sue Kierstiad, Kansas City; four brothers, Clay Robinett, Kansas City, Kan., Walker Robinett and Press Robinett, both of Kansas City, and Tony Robinett, Jefferson City; three sisters, Mrs. Maude Smith, Camdenton, and Mrs. Eunice Lovall and Mrs. Alta Kenier, both of Jefferson City, and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Burnett Funeral Chapel, Ashland, with Elder Wallace Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the New Liberty Cemetery, southwest of Ashland.

Unknown Publication, February 1955

Mrs. Minnie Stayton, widow of the late William W. Stayton, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Blankenship, of Kaiser, Thursday evening, Feb. 10, at the age of 86 years. She had been in failing health for the past six months.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. Joe Cyrus, pastor of the Riverview Baptist church, officiating. Burial was made in the Dooley Cemetery.

Minnie Ernestine Jobe was born near Eldon, Jan. 8, 1869. She was the daughter of John S. and Amanda Hedrick Jobe.

Following her marriage to Mr. Stayton on Feb. 2, 1891, they made their home on a farm near Olean and later in the High Point community. After his retirement in 1937, they resided with their daughter near Kaiser. Her husband preceded her in death Nov. 12, 1948, and one son, David, died in infancy.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Ireannah Blankenship of Kaiser, she is survived by six sons: John L. of Eldon, Dorsey S. of St. Louis, William H. of Grinnell, Ia., Lyman R. of Jefferson City, Louis G. of Buncenton, Mo., 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Ellen Harvey of Sedalia. Mrs. Stayton became a member of the Liberty Mission Baptist Church near Rocky Mount when a young girl.

Unknown Publication, February 1955

Mrs. Lucy Ann Thompson, 83, wife of William T. Thompson, Eugene, died at 4 a.m. Monday at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City. She entered the hospital Feb. 5 after suffering a broken hip in a fall at her home.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Hickory Hill Baptist Church by the Rev. John Jenkins and Rev. Conyer. Interment was in Hickory Hill Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.
Mrs. Thompson was born Oct. 9, 1971, in Miller County, the daughter of James C. and Sarah Bilyeu Thompson (this should be McDonald), both of whom preceded her in death. She was married to William T. Thompson in 1894.
In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Vasca and Breamer, both of Eugene, three daughters, Mrs. Millard Long, Jefferson City, Mrs. W.B. Crane, Kansas City and Mrs. Jane Warren, Boulder, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Florence Nixdorf, Tusculumbia, a brother, Lawrence McDonald, Granite City, eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.
She was a member of the Mt. Union Christian Church.

The Iberia Sentinel, December 1985

Edna Skaggs, 83, of St. Louis died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1985, at Sophia Geriatric Center in Florissant (Missouri). She was born Dec. 13, 1902, in Iberia to Everett and Sally Shackleford Golden. On Dec. 24, 1936, she was married in St. Louis to Paul Skaggs who died May 13, 1958.
Mrs. Skaggs lived in St. Louis for many years where she worked for Stix, Baer and Fuller until she retired. She was a member of the Winnebago Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.
Surviving her are a son, Herman Skaggs of Blue Springs; a brother, Herman Golden of Independence; and two grandchildren.
Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with the Rev. Earl Skidds officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Unknown Publication, April 9, 1999 (date hand-written on copy)

Ray E. Allen of Eldon, died Saturday at his residence. He was born in Miller County, June 4, 1911, the son of Charlie and Stella Allee Allen. He was married to Ruth I. Hall in Miller County, July 15, 1932. Mrs. Allen survives.
Mr. Allen was a retired farmer. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Eldon.
Other survivors include one son, Bernard Allen, St. Louis; one sister, Mrs. Esmal Baird, Kansas City, Kan., four brothers, Priest Allen, Kansas City, Kan., Ollie Allen, Logan Allen and Raymond Allen, all of Eldon; three grandchildren.
Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Assembly of God Church, Eldon, with the Rev. E.E. Hembree, the Rev. Herman Foley and the Rev. John Lanferman officiating. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett. The Griswold-Kays Funeral Home, Eldon, is in Charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication, October 9, 1952

Mrs. Keith Kays (nee Anna Margaret Baker), who assisted her husband in the operation of Kays Funeral Home in Eldon, died at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City Tuesday morning. Mrs. Kays had been a patient there for 13 weeks.
Funeral services are being held this afternoon, 2 o’clock, at the Kays chapel with Rev. N.E. Williams in charge. Burial will be made in the Eldon Cemetery.
Mrs. Kays was born at Richland, Mo., and attended grade and high schools there. She later entered the state college at Warrensburg and taught school until her marriage.
While living in Eldon, Mrs. Kays took part in church work, the Parent-Teacher Association, and was active in Rebekah Lodge, Eastern Star as Worthy Matron and District Deputy, W.C.T.U. and A.A.U.W. While serving as president of the P.T.A., the group was awarded a Standard of Excellence, the only year this status has been reached.
Besides her husband, Mrs. Kays is survived by five children: Mrs. Harry Minturn, California, Mo.; Mrs. Jerry Coffman, Eldon; Billy Jean, Kenneth Mitchell, and Karla Dean of the home. There are four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Harold Hays of Lebanon; and a brother, Noel Baker of Richland, who also survive.
Unknown Publication, June 1958

Funeral services were held at the Olean Christian Church Sunday for Mrs. Odessa Franklin of Olean, widow of the late Rueben Alton Franklin. Mrs. Franklin, 62, a lifetime resident of Miller County, died at 3 a.m. last Thursday at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City.

She had entered the hospital only the day before when she was taken by ambulance from the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Wilson, of Etterville.

Mrs. Franklin, the daughter of Daniel F. and Mary Magdeline (Kallenbach) Thompson, was born Aug. 5, 1895, at Tuscumbia.

On Aug. 24, 1919, she was married to Mr. Franklin in a ceremony performed at Etterville by the Rev. John J. Wyrick.

Mr. Franklin died Nov. 28, 1952, at the family farm home south of Olean. The Franklins were the parents of six children, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Maxine Shaw of Olean; Mrs. Bernadyne Backhaus of Addison, Ill.; Kelly Franklin, Carl Franklin and Mrs. Chlorene Whitson of Rolla, and Mrs. Darlene Wilson of Etterville.

Mrs. Franklin is also survived by her father of the Tuscumbia community; two sisters, Mrs. W.T. Franklin of Eldon and Mrs. Clay Tucker of Tuscumbia; four brothers, William Thompson of Tuscumbia, Tom Thompson of Springfield, Harley Thompson of Eldon, and Henry Thompson of Iberia; and 13 grandchildren.

In earlier life Mrs. Franklin became a member of the Saline Valley Church of Christ, and later transferred her membership to the Olean Christian Church.

The Rev. Alfred Scott conducted the services at 2 p.m. Sunday. Burial was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Service of Eldon. Pallbearers were W.C. Franklin, Dennis Thompson, Danny Franklin, Dale Tucker, Henry Tucker and Merle Thompson.

Unknown Publication, December 1967

Mrs. Carl (Opal) Van Vliet, Sr., 77, a native of Miller County, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1967, in Ogden, Utah. A daughter of Isaac Elmer (Babe) and Sarah (Thompson) Ulman, she was born in the Brumley-Ulman community, and had lived in Kansas City for 50 years. She was the last member of her parents’ family.

Mrs. Van Vliet was a member of the Raytown Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Emerald Graham, of Ogden, Utah, and Carl Van Vliet, Jr., of Sedalia; one daughter, Mrs. Ruby Hunter of Sedalia; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Floral Hills chapel; burial in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, Kansas City.

Unknown Publication, October 1967

Mrs. Lillie Ellen Moss, 82, Iberia, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 1967, at the home of a son in Dixon. She had been in ill health for several months. Mrs. Moss was born Jan 20, 1885, near Iberia, in Miller County. She lived most of her life in the Iberia area. On March 9, 1906, she was married to James Henry Moss, who died Feb. 2, 1938. Mrs. Moss was a member of the Alder Springs Church of Christ.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Geneva Denton and Mrs. Katherine Easter, both of Iberia, Mrs. Ina Rodden, Mrs. Zella Rodden and Mrs. Dessie Ash, all of Brumley; five sons, Walter Moss, Willie Moss and Jasper Moss, all of Iberia, Archie Moss of Dixon and James Moss of Sun Valley, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Morrow of Jefferson City; 44 grandchildren and 66 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Iberia Church of Christ with Bro. Virgil Smith officiating. Burial was in Billings Cemetery near Iberia, under direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, January 1978

**Elmer E. Shelton**, 84, Iberia, died at his home Tuesday afternoon. He was born Sept. 28, 1893, near Iberia, the son of John and Nancy Meredith Shelton. He was married July 25, 1915 to Edna Verlee Keyes who survives at the home. Mr. Shelton and his wife owned grocery stores in Ulman and Brown County, Kansas, and he was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1960. The Sheltons returned to Miller County in 1968.

Mr. Shelton is a member of the Brumley Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, Gilbert Shelton, Brumley, and several nieces and nephews.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at the Brumley Baptist Church with Rev. William Rosen officiating. Burial will be in the Hickory Point Cemetery near Iberia under direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia.

Unknown Publication, January 1971

**Mrs. Norma Jones Thomson** of Jefferson City, died January 1, at a Jefferson City hospital, following a two months illness. Mrs. Thomson was born Nov. 21, 1902, at Ulman, the daughter of the late W.M. Jones and Mrs. Jones, who survives. On __ 4, 1938, she was united in marriage to Dr. T.F. Thomson who died May 11, 1965.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Jefferson City. She taught school for 14 years in Miller and Cole counties and was employed at Memorial Community Hospital before her retirement.

Survivors besides her mother include three step-children, Thomas Thomson of Shawnee Mission, Kan., Tommy W. Thomson of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Katherine Foster of Kansas City, Kan.; one sister, Mrs. Irene Schlumbohm of Jefferson City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Buescher Funeral Chapel in Jefferson City, with the Rev. Roy Griggs officiating. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery, Jefferson City. Pallbearers were Raymond Jones, Rex Wyrick, John Dulle, James Crader, Weldon Mowery and James Thornsberry.

Unknown Publication, April 1979

**Robert C. Brown**, 68, Lapeer, Mich., died April 13, 1979, at St. Joseph Hospital, Flint, Mich., after an extended illness. He was a brother of Mrs. Frank C. Martin, Tuscumbia, and Mrs. Marie Brown, Eldon. Services were held April 16, at Lapeer with burial in Stiles Cemetery.

Mr. Brown was born in Monifieth, Scotland, on Sept. 27, 1910. He came to the United States at age two with his parents, R.C. and Agnes Dalgety Brown. The family lived in New Jersey before settling in Miller County in 1919.

Mr. Brown moved to Michigan in 1936. He worked for 38 years as a lineman and supervisor for Detroit Edison until ill health forced his retirement. He was a member of Lapeer Masonic Lodge and received his 40-year lifetime card while hospitalized. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving him are his wife, Edith Bottoms Brown; two sons, Don Brown and Jim Brown, both of Lapeer; three sisters, Mrs. Martin and Miss Brown of this area and Mrs. Joe Voorhees, Independence; a brother, Elmer Brown, Broodfield, Wis.; and five grandchildren.

A brother, Norman Brown preceded him in death.
Those going to Michigan for the services were Mrs. Martin, Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bttoms, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Admire, Mrs. Beulah Stewart, Mrs. Aldyth Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Vaughan.

**Unknown Publication, March 14, 1963**

Graveside rites for **Michael Gene Berry**, the one-week-old son of Gerald and Jo Ann Berry of Iberia, were held Monday at Union Cemetery near Iberia. The Rev. Harlie Goodwin conducted the services. The infant was born at Humphreys Hospital in Tuscumbia on March 3 and passed away there on March 10.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Gerald Dennis, Jr., and one sister, Tina Jo, both of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Winford Berry of Iberia and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Watts of Brumley; maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Williams of Brumley, and Mrs. Oma Land of Safford, Kan.; and paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Emma Boyd of St. Elizabeth.

The services were under the direction of Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

**Unknown Publication, August 1967**

**Mrs. Stella Starkey Hader**, 69, Jefferson City, died Sunday at Charles E. Still Hospital, where she had been a patient for the past two weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at a Jefferson City funeral home by the Rev. F.A. Braden. Interment was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Mrs. Hader was born in Miller County October 11, 1883, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Richardson.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Louise Choate, Jefferson City; two sons, Orville and Charles Roark, both of Jefferson City; four brothers: Thomas Richardson, Eldon, Lloyd Richardson, Tuscumbia, Otis Richardson, Ulman, and Terry Richardson, Jefferson City; four sisters: Mrs. Halsey Wyrick, Ulman, Mrs. George Kallos, Albuquerque, N.M., Mrs. Willard Long, Jefferson City, and Mrs. Bert McDonald, Eldon; 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

**Unknown Publication, December 1967**

**Forrest Lewis**, 65, of Edmond, Okla., died Saturday morning, Dec. 9, 1967, in a hospital there. His death was attributed to a heart attack suffered Friday afternoon.

His mother died when he was a child and his father, W.H. Lewis, died about 30 years ago while serving as judge of the Miller County Court. Mr. Lewis had been active in ministerial work for several years.

He was married to Opal Hawken of Tuscumbia, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, one son, five brothers, four sisters, including Mrs. Oliver (Abbie) Vannetta, of Tuscumbia; and grandchildren. A cousin, Mrs. Dora Bilyeu, lives in Iberia.

Funeral services were held Monday in Edmond.

The Lewis family experienced a tragic event recently when a brother-in-law, Clarence Herring, of Tulsa, Okla., died Thanksgiving morning due to injuries received in an auto accident two days earlier. His wife, Stella, suffered multiple body bruises and facial lacerations but is recovering satisfactorily. About the same time, a sister of Mrs. Forrest Lewis died in Kansas City, Kansas.

**Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009**

**Adler Steven Robinson**, 24 days old, of Eldon, died Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia, Missouri. He was born on December 29, 2008 in Jefferson City Missouri the son of Brian and Amber (Shackelford) Robinson of Eldon, Missouri.

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Other survivors include: maternal grandmother, Debbie Shackelford of St. Elizabeth, Missouri; paternal grandparents, Rick and Lynn Robinson of Rocky Mount, Missouri; aunts, Kendra Shackelford of St. Elizabeth, Missouri, and Kelly Robinson of Rocky Mount, Missouri; maternal great grandparents, Leonard Shackelford of St. Elizabeth, Missouri and Doris Cross of Tuscumbia, Missouri; paternal great-grandparents, Ed and Doris Sanning of Rocky Mount, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Steve Shackelford.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 3:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri with Pastor Ed Luebbering officiating. Interment will be in Bilyeu Cemetery near St. Elizabeth. Memorials are suggested to Victory Bibeway Fellowship Church.

Norman Hart, Jr., 58 of Eldon, Missouri passed away at his home on Tuesday afternoon January 20, 2009. He was born on December 7, 1950 in Tuscumbia, Missouri to the late Norman and Virginia (Love) Hart. On May 24, 1975 he was married in Jefferson City, Missouri to Cindy (Prouty) Hart who survives of the home. He is also survived by his sons: Scott Hart & wife Becky of Eugene, Missouri, Derrick Hart & wife Kathy of Secaucus, New Jersey, Robbie Hart of Eugene, Missouri; grandson Drew Hart of Eugene, Missouri; sister Karen Jurgensmeyer of Jefferson City, Missouri; brother Cledis Hart of Henley, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-father, Raymond Bungart; and sister, Sharon Kay Kempker.

Norman was a thirty-year member of IBEW 257 and a lifelong member of the Mary's Home Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving as an Honest John rocket crewman. He loved to barbecue and was an avid deer hunter. He especially enjoyed being a part of a young person's first deer hunt.

A Rosary will be prayed Friday evening at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Flag folding honors will be provided at the graveside.

Unknown Publication, September 1969

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. last Thursday for Mrs. Stella May Hicks who passed away Monday, Sept. 22, 1969. A daughter of Charles and Sarah Pendleton, she was born Sept. 17, 1882, near Iberia.

In January 1902, she was married to John R. Hicks, who passed away April 7, 1958. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two daughters, Ruth and Irene. Mrs. Hicks was a lifetime resident of Miller County.

Survivors include one son, Willie H. Hicks of Iberia; one daughter, Mrs. Emma Ponder, Iberia; one brother, Luther Pendleton, Dixon; three sisters, Mrs. Ollie Crane, Union; Mrs. Gladys Wieskoff, Gerald, and Mrs. Mary Ambrose, Jefferson City; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Leonard Davis and the Rev. Mark Sooter officiated at the services at the Iberia Church of the Nazarene. Interment in Hicks Cemetery near St. Anthony under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia.

Unknown Publication, October 1967

Funeral services for James Oscar McCubbin, 88, are set for 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Brumley Baptist Church with the Rev. Keith Mills officiating. Burial will be in Hawkins Cemetery under the direction of Walter Hedges Funeral Home of Brumley.

Mr. McCubbin, a retired farmer and stockman in the Ulman community, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1967, at a nursing home in Stover. He was a member of the Brumley Baptist Church. Surviving are three sons, Roy O. McCubbin of Ulman, Ray F. McCubbin, Lincoln, and Carrol J. McCubbin of Eldon, representative of the 123rd District which includes Miller County.
Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Millie Sidwell of Camdenton and Mrs. Elda Self of Columbia; two brothers, Ernest McCubbin of Hill City, Kan., and Virgil McCubbin of Jefferson City; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Unknown Publication, March 1951

Edward L. Spalding, son of Frank and Sarah Spalding, was born in Miller County, Missouri, Jan 6th, 1875. He was a lifetime resident of this county, living in Eldon for the past six years. During this time his health has been slowly failing and he passed away March 22nd, aged 76 years.

He was married to Miss Rocella Crane March 1st, 1896. They were parents of nine children. Of these, a daughter, Mrs. Dollie Palmquest, preceded him in death, Oct. 29th, 1933; and a son, Delmar Spalding, passed away March 3rd, 1918.

Surviving members of the family are his wife, Mrs. Rocella Spalding and their six sons and one daughter...Alvin and Garland Spalding of Petaluma, Calif., Harold and Raymond of Kansas City, Mo.; Stanley of Mission, Kans.; Gilbert of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mrs. Anne Meyers of Eldon, Mo. There are nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Spalding was the last member of the Frank Spalding family. He leaves a large number of other relatives and many friends who have known him throughout his life. For many years he has lived in and about Etterville and Eugene where he is well-known. He will be remembered as a farmer and family man, always ready to lend a helping hand where help was needed. Mr. Spalding has been a member of the Eugene Christian Church for a number of years.

Funeral services were held at the Eugene Church at 2 p.m. Saturday with Rev. John Jenkins of Tuscumbia officiating. Interment was made in the Eugene Cemetery with the Kays Funeral Service.

The Iberia Sentinel, April 24, 1941

“Lev” Thompson of Brumley, one of Miller County’s wealthy and widely known citizens, died last Saturday at the Eldon Hospital, where he had been for some time receiving treatment for a heart ailment. Mr. Thomson was a brother of Mrs. J.D. Adams of west of Iberia. He was engaged in the general merchandise business here in Iberia many years ago, having built the residence on Main Street now owned by G.W. Adams. He later moved to Brumley, where he continued in the mercantile business until his retirement in 1933.

He was the father of Dr. Peston Thompson of Lebanon who was killed in an automobile accident, on Highway 17, five miles south of Iberia, April 14, 1940. Besides considerable wealth of his own, he fell heir to his son’s estate, appraised at a quarter million dollars or more.

Eleven C. Thompson was born near Melbourne, Arkansas, November 10, 1957, and departed this life April 19, 1941, at the age of 83 years, 5 months, and 9 days.

When a small boy he came to Iberia, Missouri with his parents and grew to young manhood there. On May 4, 1884, he was united in marriage to Alice M. Groff and they were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Thompson, two sons, Elmer and Homer, all of Brumley; one daughter, Mrs. Anna Moulder of Hillsdale, Kansas; seven grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. J.D. Adams of Iberia; many other relatives and a large circle of friends. Two of the daughters died when small children and his son, Dr. Preston Thompson who passed away April 14, 1940.

Mr. Thompson came to Brumley about the year 1890 and engaged in farming and the mercantile business until he retired from the mercantile business in 1933. He was one of the original incorporators of the Bank of Brumley and served as the first cashier in 1906. In 1907 he was elected President of the bank and served continuously in that capacity until his death.

He united with the Brumley Baptist Church about 45 years ago and was an active, faithful and devout member until the end.
Funeral services were held at the Brumley Baptist Church Tuesday, April 22nd, at 11 o’clock a.m., conducted by Rev. Jesse Brown of Richland, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Williams. Burial was in the Hawkins Cemetery; Adams & Casey Funeral Home of Iberia had charge of arrangements.

**Lydia Emmaline Lasswell Sconce**

...March 26, 1928, at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 27 days. She joined the Methodist Church early in life. Later, in the year of 1900, she was converted and joined the Baptist Church and lived a devoted Christian life until the end.

She was united in marriage to Alexander G. Sconce in the year of 1869. To this union 5 children were born, all of whom are living and were at her bedside at the time of her death. Grandma Sconce as she was known leaves to mourn her loss, 5 children, Mrs. Fanny Buchanan, Mrs. Mary Coats, Mrs. Alice Upton, Miss Rachel and John Sconce. She leaves 1 brother, 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. How sadly grandmother will be missed, but we have that beautiful thought of meeting her again. Rev. J.M. Henderson conducted funeral services at the home and burial was made in New Salem Cemetery.

**Joseph Scott Stillwell**, 14-day old infant son of Raymond and Josepha Jody Dubielczyk Stillwell, died Saturday, July 14, 1979, at Children’s Hospital in St. Louis. He was born July 1 at St. Louis Missouri Hospital.

His parents reside at Godfrey, Ill. Also surviving are a sister, Kasha Marie, of the home, his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Stillwell, Alton, Ill. and his maternal grandmother Mrs. Marie Dubielczyk, Winchester, Ill.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Tuscmia Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, the Rev. Stephen B. Ford officiated.

**Mrs. Retta (Snelling) Favier**, 67, formerly of Miller County, died Tuesday, January 9, 1979, at her home in Granite City, Ill., after a long illness. Mrs. Favier was born at Ulman Feb 12, 1911, daughter of the late P.F. and Mary Snelling.

She was married in 1930 at Granite City to Kirby Favier who survives at the home there. She also leaves one daughter, Mrs. Larry (Gail) Dody, and a granddaughter, Teri Dody, both of Granite City; one sister, Mrs. Jack (Ruby) Wickham of Ulman, and several nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Perry and Frank, and two sons, Roger and Jack, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Second Baptist Church in Granite City where Mrs. Favier had been a member and Sunday school teacher for more than 40 years. Burial was in the Sunset Hills Cemetery, Granite City.

**Miss Virginia Lou Rowden**, 23, Eldon, died Saturday at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital at Osage Beach following a motorcycle accident at Bagnell Dam. Miss Rowden was born Nov. 5, 1955, at Ellenburg, Wash., daughter of Robert Lee and Wanda Lee Phillips Rowden. Her parents survive at Olean. She attended school at Eugene and had lived in the Miller County area most of her life.

Survivors include: One daughter, Miss Buffie Alena Rowden, Eugene; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Phillips, Eugene; two brothers, William Lace Rowden, Olean, Johnny Rowden, Columbia; one half-brother, Delbert Rowden, Olean; and one half-sister, Miss Beverly Rowden, Olean.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at the Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Eldon. Burial will be in the Rodden Cemetery near Brumley.
**Unknown Publication, June 1979**

Clay Wyrick of Hudsonville, Mich., formerly of Tuscumbia, died Wednesday, June 6, 1979, six days before his 65th birthday. He was born on June 12, 1915, in Tuscumbia, son of the late Alvin and Sadie Wyrick.

He was married to Jean Ruble of Caro, Mich., who survives. He also leaves three children, a daughter, Carol, and two sons, Charles and James, all of Michigan; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Ocrca Adcock of Tuscumbia; and five brothers, Ray of Michigan, Clarence and Earl of California and Clinton and Gail, both of Tuscumbia.

He accepted Christ as his Savior 25 years ago. Mr. Wyrick was employed at Thumb Electric Co., as a lineman for 38 years.

Rosary services were held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Collon Funeral Home in Caro, Mich., and funeral was at 11 a.m. on Monday at Sacred Heart Church there. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

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**Jefferson City Post Tribune, June 28, 2002**

Regina Margaret Jaegers, 90, Jefferson City, died June 27, 2002, at St. Mary’s Health Center. She was born Aug 11, 1911, near Henley, a daughter of Phillip and Mary Ann Hake Holzer. She was married June 16, 1948, in Jefferson City to Peter R. Jaegers, who died Aug. 31, 1980.

She was a waitress for 35 years at Kauffman Café, McKinny Café and Manhattan Café in Jefferson City, retiring in 1960. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, Ladies Sodality, Ava Marie Prayer Group and the Senior Citizens group.

Survivors include: one daughter, Delris Holzer, Jefferson City; two stepsons, Raymond Jaegers and Edward Jaegers, both of Linn; three stepdaughters, Nelda Mae Schmidt and Viola Backes, both of Loose Creek, and Delma Parrott, Bonnots Mill; one brother, Jerome Holzer, Jefferson City; 17 step grandchildren and 33 step great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the chapel at St. Peter Catholic Church. The Rev. Donald W. Lammers will officiate. Entombment will be in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Peter Building Fund or a charity of the donor’s choice.

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**Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009**

Wilma Martin, age 85, of Ulman, died Friday, January 23, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born in Ulman on May 22, 1923, daughter of Will and Cora (Davenport) Patterson. On November 20, 1941, in Kansas City, Kansas, Wilma married Herbert Martin, who preceded her in death on August 10, 1993. Wilma was a member of Tuscumbia Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Patricia A. Angel of Sophia, North Carolina; two sons, James E. Martin of St. Elizabeth and Herbert E. Martin of Dyersburg, Tennessee; two sisters, Camille Dake of Iberia and Marie Wilson of Eldon; four grandchildren, Kristal Hall of Randleman, North Carolina, Steven Martin of Tuscumbia, Megan Martin of Jefferson City, and Margo Martin of Columbia; five great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Lawanna Angel; brother, Joe Patterson; and sister, Dora Belle Huffman.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. David Visser will officiate. Interment will be in Tuscumbia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Tuscumbia Cemetery.
Nelda Mae (Rustemeyer) Schmidt, age 90, of Loose Creek, Mo., died Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at St. Mary’s Health Center. She was born July 4, 1917, at Loose Creek, Mo., the daughter of Peter J. and Bertha (Hubert) Jaegers, both deceased.

She was married April 6, 1936, to Peter Rustemeyer, who preceded her in death August 11, 1974. She was married in 1978 to Frank Schmidt, who preceded her in death on September 9, 2000.

A lifelong resident of the Loose Creek Community, Nelda was a homemaker and had also been employed with McGraw-Edison prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Loose Creek, Mo., and the ladies sewing circle of the church, and a member of St. Ann’s Sodality.

Nelda enjoyed quilting, was a fabulous cook, enjoyed gardening, and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: two daughters, Renilda Kliethermes of Loose Creek, Mo., Shirley Ann Cotter and husband Gary of Belton, Mo.; one son-in-law, Carl Rhoads of Linn, Mo.; one sister, Delma Perrot of Bonnots Mill, Mo.; two brothers, Ray Jaegers and Edward Jaegers, both of Linn, Mo.; 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Bertha Rhoads; one son-in-law, Leonard Kliethermes; and three sisters and three brothers.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, February 29, 2008, at the Morton Chapel, Linn, Mo., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Immaculate Conception Church, Loose Creek, Mo. with the Rev. I.C. Medina as the celebrant. Interment will follow in the Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Immaculate Conception School, Loose Creek, Mo.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Morton Chapel, Linn, Mo.

Alice E. Bungart, 83 of Eldon, Missouri passed away Friday morning January 23, 2009 at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born in Osage Bend, Missouri on January 2, 1926 to the late Henry and Mary (Wankum) Bisges. On September 10, 1949 she was married in Osage Bend, Missouri to the late Clem O. Bungart who preceded her in death on July 24, 2008.

She is survived by her four sons and daughters-in-law Danny & Linda Bungarti, Bill & Cheryl Bungart, Charles & Mary Bungart, and Dale & Monica Bungart, all of Eldon, Missouri; twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a brother, George Bisges of Taos, Missouri and a sister, Rosie Lueckenotte of Jefferson City, Missouri.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, David & Milton Bungart, one grandson, Scott Bungart, four brothers, Leo, Joe, Frank, and Hubert Bisges.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, Missouri, the Ladies Alter Sodality, past president of the Eldon VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and co-owner of Bungart Cabinet Shop of Eldon, Missouri.

A Rosary will be prayed on Sunday evening at 7:30 PM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri. Funeral Mass is scheduled for Monday, January 26 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with interment to follow at Greenmore Memorial Gardens.

Nellie Hamm, 97, passed away on January 21, 2009 at St. Marys Health Center in Richmond Hieghts, Missouri. She was born on June 28, 1911 in Eldon, Missouri the daughter of Jack and Julie (Graham) Hamm.

Graveside service and interment will be held on Friday, January 23, 2009 at 3:00 PM at the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon, Missouri.
Cleo Wyrick, 97, passed away January 22, 2009 in Eldon, Missouri. She was born February 15, 1911 in Southern Miller County, Missouri. 1932 she was married to Herbert Shelton who preceded her in death on November 28, 1935. On September 19, 1939 she was married to Burnie Wyrick who preceded her in death on October 9, 1984.

Survivors include: two sons, Johnnie & Mary Shelton of Clarksburg, MO and Paul & Sandy Wyrick of High Point, MO; five grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren, and several great great grandchildren; one sister, Juanita Robertson of Portland, OR. She was also preceded in death by six sisters, two brothers, one grandson, and one great granddaughter.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 2-3 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow with interment at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

James J. Haidusek, 79, of Mary's Home, Missouri passed away at his home on Friday morning January 23, 2009. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on February 4, 1929 to the late August and Mary Alice (Murphy) Haidusek. On September 13, 1948 he was married in Santa Rosa, New Mexico to Elizabeth "Betty" Mae (Loethen) Haidusek who also preceded him in death on March 3, 2006.

He is survived by his two daughters Violet Lofgren of Olathe, Kansas and Viola Dorrian of Overland Park, Kansas; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren; one sister, Margie Steinberger.

James was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one great granddaughter Erin Egan, brothers, Richard L. and John B. Haidusek, and a sister, Sr. Mary Catherine Haidusek.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary's Home, Missouri; the Mary's Home Knights of Columbus Council 3267, and a member of the Eldon VFW Post #2442. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II.

Visitation will be Monday, January 26 from 1-2 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church with a funeral mass to follow. Interment will be in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery. Full Military Honors will be provided at the graveside by the Eldon VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

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Ruby M. Shepherd, 88, passed away Saturday morning January 24, 2009 at her home in Eldon, Missouri. She was born on April 2, 1920 in Miller County, Missouri to the late M.L. and Stella May (Workman) Robinett. On August 8, 1939 she was married in Tuscumbia, Missouri to Edwin Lee Shepherd who preceded her in death on January 24, 2007.

She is survived by her son, Donald Shepherd of the home; granddaughters Pam Wall of Eldon, Missouri, Patty Shepherd of Eldon, Missouri, great granddaughters Harmony & Katie Wall of Eldon, Missouri, sister Nellie Helton of Jefferson City, Missouri, brothers Sherman Robinett of Tuscumbia, Missouri and Gerald Robinett of Barnett, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son Michael E. Shepherd, six brothers, and four sisters.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri. Co-owner and operator of the Cree Mee Drive In in Eldon, Missouri. A member of the VFW Auxiliary, and B&PW. Association. She was an avid traveler of the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
Visitation will be Wednesday January 28, 2009, 12:00 p.m. at 2:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home with the funeral to follow. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery.

Hazel R. Hees, 80, of Eldon, died Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the home of her son near Eldon, MO. Hazel was born on April 06, 1928 in Eldon, Mo. the daughter of the late Mallery J. and Grace L. (Jones) Skiles. She was married on February 10, 1947 in Eldon, Mo to Albert Samuel Hees who preceded her in death on September 10, 2005.

Hazel was a member of Aurora Springs Baptist Church in Eldon. Survivors included her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Glenda Hees of Eldon, Mo; daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Ron Gibson of Jefferson City, Mo.; four grandchildren, Torrie and Dustin Bly and Duane and Richard Hees; seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Albert S. Hees, three brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Aurora Springs Baptist Church near Eldon with the Rev. Stan Gibson officiating. Interment will be in the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon.

Sean A. Fry, 24 of Eldon, Missouri passed away Tuesday January 20, 2009 in San Diego, California. On April 12, 1984 he was born in Columbia, Missouri to Ted & Mary (Sparks) Fry who survive of the home.

Also surviving him are his sister and brother-in-law Sylvia Rene' and Gus Haeckel of Jefferson City, MO; paternal grandmother Alma Fry of Tipton, MO; maternal grandmother Fern Sparks of Princeton, MO; maternal great-grandmother Stella McKern of Princeton, MO; two nephews, Mason and Gabriel Haeckel of Jefferson City, MO.

Sean served in the United States Navy since June of 2006 as an engineman assigned to the guided missile destroyer, the USS Sampson, based out of San Diego, California. As a plank owner, he helped build the ship. He was an Eagle Scout with Troop #14 of Eldon, Missouri. He graduated from Eldon High School in 2002. He loved spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed all kinds of music, martial arts, video games, chess, reading, fishing, hunting, and camping.

Memorials for Sean are suggested to: The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, The Eldon Community Food Pantry, Eldon Boys Scout Troop #14 of Eldon, Missouri.

William “Bill” Pendarvis, 68, passed away January 27, 2009 at his home near Eldon, Missouri. He was born July 22, 1940 in Moselle, Mississippi to the late Leonard Dessary and Rita Q. (Vick) Pendarvis.

Surviving him is: daughter Teri Hayes of Bremerton, Washington; sons Larry Pendarvis of Cole Camp, Missouri and Rick Pendarvis of Independence, Missouri; ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren; sisters Mary Farmer of Lee’s Summit, Missouri and Rita Louise Moulder of Macks Creek, Missouri; brother Mike Smith of Eldon, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and one son, Danny Pendarvis.

He loved tractors, animals, and the great outdoors. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Community Hospice of Jefferson City, Missouri or the Humane Society of Eldon, Missouri.

Visitation will be Saturday January 31, 2009, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, with a memorial service to follow.

Beverly A. (Smith) Procter, 53, of Olean, Missouri passed away Wednesday evening January 28, 2009 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. She was born in California, Missouri to Leroy Frank and Nelda Marie (Scott) Smith on January 16, 1956. On March 3, 1979
she was married in Russellville, Missouri to Franklin C. Procter who survives of the home.

Other survivors include daughter Kelly A. Procter of Guadalajara, Mexico; father Leroy F. Smith of Russellville, Missouri; sisters Barbara M. Crocker of Russellville, Missouri and Brenda M. Eickhorst of Russellville, Missouri; brothers Dale L. Smith of Jefferson City, Dennis S. Smith of Russellville, Darrell G. Smith of Mary’s Home, and Darwin A. Smith of Russellville; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother.

She was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Russellville, Missouri, serving as Sunday school nursery teacher. She worked for the Department of Health & Senior Services and then took time off to raise her daughter and be a homemaker before returning to work at the Olean Post Office and the Department of Health. She graduated from Russellville High School.

She had been active in the Spring Garden 4H Club, and a supporter of the Eldon FFA.

Visitation will be Saturday January 31, 2009, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral Service is Sunday February 1, 2009, 2:00 PM at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with interment to follow at Allen Cemetery.

**Eunice B. Jenkins**, 103, passed away January 29, 2009 at Miller County Nursing & Rehab Center in Tuscumbia, Missouri. On August 27, 1905 she was born in Ulman, Missouri to the late William Joseph and Ida May (Helton) Topping. On March 21, 1923 she was married in Tuscumbia, Missouri to Owen R. Jenkins who preceded her in death on 10/29/1971.

She is survived by eight nieces and six nephews, and by many great, and great great nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her sisters, Hazel Belshe, Mary Roland, Jewell Handsome, Lee Wood, Roberta Hornbeck, Shirley Starkey, and brother, Paul Topping, three nephews, and one niece.

She was a member of the Eldon Garden Club, and the Oak Street Church of Christ in Eldon, Missouri. She loved gardening.

Visitation will be Monday February 2, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home with the funeral service to follow. Interment will be at Eldon City Cemetery.

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**Columbus Luzietti**, 58, of Orlando, Fla., passed away Wednesday, August 2, 1971 at a hospital in Orlando. Mr. Luzietti was born Dec. 15, 1913 in Shelby, Miss., the son of John and Olga (Brunetti) Luzietti. He was married July 26, 1947 in Cleveland, O., to Margaret Schaffer, who survives. Mr. Luzietti had lived in Orland since 1956 and prior to that in Altheimer, Ark., and had lived 25 years in Cleveland, O.

He was a representative for Columbia Machines and had been an auto mechanic. Mr. Luzietti served in the Army in World War II. He was a member of the St. James Catholic church and of Orlando, VFW Post 2093.

Survivors include than his wife, Margaret, are three brothers, Americo Luzietti of Altheimer, Ark.; Louis Luzietti of Orlando and Victor Luzietti of Cleveland; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mrs. and Mrs. John Schaffer of Iberia; two uncles, Edward Luzietti and Fred Luzietti, both of Cincinnati, O., three nephews and four nieces.

The rosary was recited Friday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia. Funeral services were held Saturday with the Rev. Joseph O’Rourke officiating. Interment was in St. Anthony Cemetery, under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Jim Schaffer, Jim Wall, Fred Schaffer, Willie Hicks, Jim Schulte and Vincent Schaffer.

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**Chester J. (Hank) Lada**, 62, of Rte. 1, Tuscumbia, died Friday July 21, 1972, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia. He was born Jan. 30, 1910, in St. Louis, the son of Adam and Josephine (Dziomba) Lada. On April 11, 1941, he was married in St. Louis to Josephine Sliwak, who survives.
Mr. Lada live all of his life in St. Louis until his retirement in 1970 when he moved to Tuscombria. He was a Boring Mill Operator for the Certain-Teed Products, Inc. in St. Louis. He served in the army in World War II. He was a member of the Notre Dame Catholic Church in Des Lourdes and the AF of L Union of the United Cement Lime and Gypsum Workers, No. 36 in St. Louis.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death. In addition to his wife, Mr. Lada is survived by one son, Ronald F. Lada, Ulman; one daughter, Jerrilynn Bunn, St. Louis; one brother, Stanley Lada, St. Louis; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services Monday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of St. Elizabeth. Military graveside rites were under the direction of Fort Leonard Wood Mortuary team. Pallbearers were Bill Myers, Charley Myers, Perry Myers, Wade Flaugher, Brice Fisher and Bud Barnhart.

Obituary, mid-Missouri newspaper, 1972

Funeral services for James Wayne Limbach, 36, were held Wednesday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home. Mr. Limbach, of Rte. 2, Henley, died Sunday, June 25, 1972, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia. He was born Nov. 19, 1935 in Henley to Emil and Bessie Kauffman Limbach. His mother survives.

Mr. Limbach was married to the former Ethel Mae Jacobs who also survives at the home. He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. He was a farmer.

In addition to his wife and mother, Mr. Limbach is survived by; two daughters - Brenda Mae and Connie Renee Limbach of the home; a son, Larry Limbach, also of the home; four sisters - Mrs. Marie Taule of Great Falls, Mont.; Mrs. Alma Holzer of Henley; Mrs. Patsey Ewers of St. Anthony; and Mrs. Betty Jo Morff of Jefferson City; and three brothers - Mark Limbach of Henley, Walter Limbach of Jefferson City, and Thomas Limbach of Boonville.

The rosary was said Tuesday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon. The Rev. Henry Reichert officiated at the services Wednesday. Burial was in the parish cemetery at Mary's Home.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Linda Susan Glasgow, age 60, of Republic, passed away Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. She was born in Edina on July 9, 1948, daughter of John Junior and Dixie Lee (Guinn) Rekus, both deceased. On April 4, 1970, in Colony, MO, she was married to William D. “Bill” Glasgow, who survives at the home.

She worked for the Republic School District as a first grade teacher for 21 years until her retirement in August 2008. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandsons.

Other survivors include one son, Brian Glasgow and wife Lesley of Willard; one daughter, Cheryl Lock and husband Tyrel of Camdenton; three grandsons, Cody Glasgow of Willard and Skyler Lock and Seth Lock both of Camdenton; and one brother, Roger Rekus and wife Sydney of Iberia.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, February 2, at the First Baptist Church of Republic. Services will follow at 7:00 p.m. at the church with Rev. Max Stark officiating. Additional visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, at Harmony Grove Baptist Church near Colony. Interment will follow in Harmony Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to The Salvation Army Corps, PO Box 9685, Springfield, MO 65801 or 1707 West Chestnut Expressway, Springfield, MO 65802, Telephone: 417-862-5509. Arrangements are under the direction of Fancher-Rekus Funeral Homes in Iberia.

Christine Luebbering, age 95, of Jefferson City, formerly of St. Thomas, passed away Friday, January 30, 2009, at Adams Street Place Care Center in Jefferson City. She was born in St. Thomas on July 29, 1913, daughter of Christopher and Anna (Ortbals) Strope. On November

She was a member of St. Ann’s Altar Sodality, Legion of Mary, La Sallette Seminary Aid Society, Apostleship of St. Jude, Marianist Mission Society, Over 50 Club, and she also served as the 4H Community Leader for 20 years. Christine was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sons, Gerald Luebbering and wife Patricia of St. Thomas and Kenneth Luebbering and wife Robyn Burnett of Jefferson City; seven grandchildren, Dale Luebbering, Janet Laughlin, Lori Kreutzman, Amy Luebbering, Aric Luebbering, Geoff Luebbering, and Johann Luebbering; and nine great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Rev. Mark Porterfield will officiate. Interment will be in St. Thomas Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. on Sunday at the church with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to Adams Street Place Care Center.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, Jan 29, 2009

Hubert Dale Griffin, 93, of Lake Ozark died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center at Tuscumbia. He was born Dec. 8, 1915, in Hawkeye to William and Mary Emma Gibson Griffin. He was married Jan. 14, 1939, to Leota Dake, who died Feb. 27, 2002.

Mr. Griffin spent most of his years working as a mechanic in the Iberia and Fort Leonard Wood area.

Surviving are a son and his wife, Ronnie D. and Terry Griffin of Osage Beach; two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlotte and Bob Plemmons and Alice Campbell, all of Kansas City; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

A Celebration of Life service will be scheduled for a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach.

F. Kraft Ritter, 85, of Port Clinton, Ohio, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at his home. He was born Nov. 21, 1923, in Louisville, Ky., to Frank and Lula Mae Kraft Ritter. On Sept. 6, 1942, he was married to Dolores Marie Oligschaegler, who survives.

Dr. Ritter was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater. HE was a graduate of Xavier University and St. Louis University Medical School. A resident of Port Clinton since 1953, he served the community as a family doctor and anesthesiologist at Magruder Hospital.

Also surviving him are his children, Mary Ritter, Martha (Louis) Coda, Jane (Thoma) Kensok, Anne (Walter) Hambrick, Joseph (Kim) Ritter, John (Deborah) Ritter, Teresa (Scott) Morrow, Paul (Sandra) Ritter, Margaret (Daniel) Shaw and Barbara Ritter; a sister, Helen Ritter of Louisville, Ky.; and 18 grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with burial in Riverview Cemetery under the direction of Neidecker-LeVeck and Crosser Funeral Home in Port Clinton. Memorials may be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Magruder Hospital or Stein Hospice, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870.

Unknown Publication, April 1969

Roy E. Sullivan, 76, of 216 John St., died Sunday at Charles E. Still Hospital (Jefferson City). Mr. Sullivan was born Aug. 25, 1892, at Ulman, the son of Harrison M. and Nancy J. Lupardus Sullivan. He was married to Miss Nellie I. Copas at Tuscumbia, in 1935. She survives at the home.
Mr. Sullivan is a veteran of World War I. He and his wife operated a service station on Business Route 50 East, until his retirement in 1962. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Other survivors include: two brothers, Ray Sullivan, Kansas City, and Charles C. Sullivan, Sedalia; two sisters, Mrs. Will Jones and Mrs. Clyde Wyrick, both of Jefferson City.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Houser Funeral Service is in charge.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, January 2009

Carol Jean Musick, 74 of Versailles, Missouri passed away Thursday evening January 29, 2009 at her residence in Versailles, Missouri. She was born on January 15, 1935 in Eldon, Missouri to the late Willard Elston and Gretchen Beatrice (Manley) Stark. On September 6, 1952 she was married in Eldon, Missouri to Otis Harold Musick who preceded her in death on October 14, 1996.

Survivors include her daughter, Crystal Yarnell and husband Harvey of Versailles, Missouri; grandchildren, Chuck Dowell and fiancé Nichole Hodgins of Versailles, and Amber Dowell of Versailles; seven great grandchildren; a brother, Gail Stark and wife Kathy of Weaubleau, Missouri; a sister, Kathryn Moore and husband Wallace of Warsaw, Missouri; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Otis Musick, and a son, Robert Musick. She was a member of the West Union Baptist Church in Versailles, Missouri.

Visitation will be Tuesday February 3, 2009, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home with the funeral service to follow. Interment will be at Dooley Cemetery.

Faye M. (Taylor) Adams, 97, passed away early Friday morning January 30, 2009 at Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles, Missouri. She was born on February 1, 1911 in Benton County, Missouri to the late Wiliam Alexander and Rosa J. (Moore) Taylor. She was married in 1947 to Patrick Milton Adams who preceded her in death on March 24, 1969.

She is survived by: a nephew, Daniel Taylor of Kensington, CT; great nephews, Franklin Foster of Leau Claire, WI and Steven Foster of Eden Prairie, MN. She is preceded in death by her husband, one sister, and three brothers.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri. She formally owned and operated Faye's Antiques in Eldon, Missouri. She loved collecting dolls.

Visitation will be Tuesday February 3, 2009, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home with the funeral service to follow. Interment will be in Eldon City Cemetery.

The New Iberian, August 16, 1973

Theodore Thomas “Dode” Skaggs, age 94 years, of Iberia, Mo. passed away Tuesday, July 31, at his home. Mr. Skaggs was born August 2, 1878, in Miller County near Iberia, Mo., the son of Gordon C. and Mary E. (Ponder) Skaggs. He was united in marriage on November 9, 1904 to Minnie Octavie Humphrey, who preceded him in death on November 7, 1965. Mr. Skaggs lived all his life in the Iberia area except for a short time spent in Tulsa and Claremore, Oklahoma.

He operated the Post Office and Grocery Store for several years at Bray’s, Mo. and has also farmed. Mr. Skaggs was a member of the Bray’s Advent Christian Church and was baptized by Rev. Moore. He was a former member of Modern Woodmen of America.

Preceding him in death, other than his wife Minnie, were two sons, Louis Edward in 1928 and Paul in 1958.

Surviving are: five sons, Freeman and Grant Skaggs, both of Iberia, Mo., Rayborn Skaggs of Bunker, Mo., Gordon Skaggs of Waterford, Conn., and Billie Skaggs of Maplewood, Mo.; five daughters, Mrs. Neta Myers and Mrs. Alma Myers both of Lutesville, Mo., Mrs. Nova
Dake of Iberia, Mo., Mrs. Josephine Mohrman of Shrewsbury, Mo. and Mrs. Fay Lamb of Bridgeton, Mo.; one brother, Herman Skaggs of Iberia, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Morrow of Springfield, Mo.; 24 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 2 at the Bray’s Advent Christian Church with Rev. Aldon Veach officiating. Interment was in the Union Cemetery near Iberia under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were: Danny, David and Billie Jr. Skaggs, Charles Lamb, Billy Lewis and Albert Myers.

Nora B. Lee, age 75 years, of Route 3, Dixon, Mo., passed away Tuesday, August 7, 1973 at the Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mrs. Lee was born January 9, 1898, in Miller County near Iberia, Mo., the daughter of Nathan and Lucinda Lawson. She was united in marriage on February 19, 1920, to William S. Lee who survives of the home. Mrs. Lee lived all her life in the Miller and Maries County areas where she was a member of the Mt. Gilead Christian Church.

Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by one sister, Mrs. Bertha Dake in 1940.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 10 at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with Rev. Earl Jones officiating. Interment was in the Lee Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were her sons and sons-in-law.

Rudolph H. Hickey, age 72 years, of Iberia, Mo., passed away Thursday, August 2, 1973, at the Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City, Mo. Mr. Hickey was born March 8, 1901, near Brownfield, Mo. in Laclede County, the son of Harvey and Cecilia (Hough) Hickey. He was united in marriage on February 24, 1923 in Pulaski County in Cookville, Mo., to Bertha Osborn who survives of the home.

Mr. Hickey lived in St. Louis, Mo. where he was a smelter for Carter Carburator for most all of his life, after leaving Laclede County as a young man. He moved to Iberia in 1969 where he was a member of the First Christian Church and served as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday school.

Surviving, other than his wife, Bertha, are: one sister, Mrs. Clara Myres of Iberia, Mo.; foster father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford of Nebo, Mo. and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 4 at the First Christian Church with Rev. James Bade officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were: Wayne Barnett, Paul Steen, Francis Humphrey, Bob Law, Robert Waller and Robert Groff.

Martha Ella Lilly, age 86 years, of Iberia, Mo., passed away Thursday, August 9, 1973, at her home. Mrs. Lilly was born May 1, 1887 near Iberia, Mo. in Miller County, the daughter of Rufus and Susan (Stone) Bailey. She was united in marriage October 11, 1904 in Iberia, Mo. to Lonnie Lilly, who preceded her in death on February 20, 1964.

Mrs. Lilly lived all her life in the Miller County area where she was a member of the Christian Church. She was baptized at the age of 13 by Rev. John Aust.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Blanche Niehaus of Rivera Beach, Fla., Miss Delphia Lilly and Mrs. Artie Bernsen both of Iberia, Mo., Mrs. Faye Dickinson and Mrs. Gladys Skyles both of Kirkwood, Mo. and Mrs. Audrey Jones of Drayton Plains, Michigan; one brother Dave Bailey of Iberia, Mo.; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 11 at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia, Mo. with Rev. Gary Gulley officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home. Pallbearers were: Jack Jones, Wayne Jones, Bob D. Lilly, Bob Malmberg, Archie Roark and Gilford Barr.
William Henry Bailey, 57, of 2809 Walnut Road, Avondale in Clay County, died Monday, August 6, at the home. He was born in Iberia, Mo., and had lived in Avondale for 30 years.

He was an engineer for the Burlington Northern Railway 27 years. He was a member of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Avondale.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Marian M. Bailey of the home, two sons, Stephen L. Bailey, Avondale, and Robert W. Bailey of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Sharon A. Birk, Austin, Texas; his mother Mrs. Frona Surface, and a sister, Mrs. Eunice Connell, both of Jefferson City, and a grandson.

Graveside services were held August 2 at the Livingston Cemetery. Mr. Bailey was the nephew of Dave Bailey of Iberia, Mo.

Winston L. Livingston, age 49 years, of Grosse Point, Michigan, formerly of Iberia, Mo., passed away Friday, August 3, 1973 at the Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Point, Michigan. Mr. Livingston was born April 14, 1924 near Iberia, Mo. in Miller County, the son of Robert and Lily (Sooter) Livingston. He was united in marriage August 3, 1946 in Taylorville, Illinois to Helen Klinefelter who survives of the home.

Mr. Livingston was a practicing Attorney at Law in Grosse Point, Michigan. He was a graduate of the University of Missouri Law School in Columbia, Mo. Mr. Livingston had served in World War II and the Korean War in the Marine Corp. He was a member of the Grosse Point Methodist Church, Michigan Bar Association and the Industrial Relations Research Association.

Surviving, other than his wife, Helen, are: three sons, David, Timothy and John Livingston all of the home; two daughters, Diane and Dawn Livingston both of the home; his parents, Robert and Lily Livingston of Iberia, Mo.; one brother, Robert D. Livingston of Taylorville, Ill. and two sisters, Mrs. Betty Herbst of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Mrs. Helen Capps of Kansas City, Mo.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, 1973 at the Livingston Cemetery near Iberia with Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were: Glen Shreve, Perry Grady, Gilford Barr, Sammy _____, Kenneth Hendricks and Gary Fancher.

The New Iberian, June 1978
JOSIE NIXDORF CELEBRATES 95TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Josephine Nixdorf, one of Miller County’s oldest Senior Citizens, celebrated her 95th birthday last Tuesday, November 12, at her rural farm home some three miles northeast of Ulman…On November 12, 1879, Josephine Burks was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burks who lived in a small cottage in the field a short distance above the present Barron Fork bridge on Highway 17 about four miles north of Iberia. Here Josie began to grow up and discover more and more new things about the world. Later she would attend school at Hickory Point which then was the center of a thriving community. By this time the family had moved from the place of her birth and settled anew in the Hickory Point area.

On February 12, 1902, at the age of 23, Josie married William Carroll Nixdorf and they settled in what is now known as the Pleasant Farm Community. Within time three children came to live in the Nixdorf home. They are now Mrs. N.F. (Cleo) Carnes of Camdenton, Missouri; Miss Jessie Nixdorf and Miss Louise Nixdorf of the home. Josie has two granddaughters—daughters of the Carnes family. By those granddaughters she has seven great-grandchildren.

Josie has two half-sisters: Mrs. Tracy McDonald and Mrs. Dorothy Burris, both of Eldon.

The death of William Carroll Nixdorf on June 15, 1961, left Josie a widow. She and daughters, Jessie and Louise, have continued to live on the Nixdorf farm which the Nixdorf family first acquired back on 1907.
Miss Jessie Nixdorf had baked her mother a birthday cake but the big formal one for the grand occasion was baked by Beth Myers of Ulman.

Unknown Publication, May 1959

**William (Will) M. Jones**, son of William H. and Nancy Jones, was born in Edmondson, Ky., on March 1, 1878, and passed away at his home in Brumley Friday at the age of 81 years. On Feb. 24, 1902, he was married to Dora Ollie Sullivan and to this union three children were born.

For 18 years he worked with the government as a lock man. In 1943 he retired and has lived at Brumley for the past 18 years.

When he was a young man he united with the Ulman Baptist Church where he retained membership at the time of his passing. He was a member of the Brumley Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Dora Ollie, of the home; one son, Troy, of Golconda, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Norma Thomson and Mrs. Irene Schlumbohm, both of Jefferson City; one sister, Mrs. Celia Nichols, of Texas; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Ulman Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Cox officiated. Interment was in the Gott Cemetery with funeral arrangements under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Homes of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, February 1971

**Mrs. Dora Olive Jones**, 88, died Saturday, February 20, 1971, at a hospital in Jefferson City. Funeral services for Mrs. Jones were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Christian Church in Brumley. The Rev. Charles Cox officiated. She was born at Ulman Sept. 30 1882, the daughter of Harrison M. and Nancy Sullivan.

On Feb 24, 1902, she was married to William M. Jones. They were the parents of three children. Mrs. Jones spent most of her life in the Brumley and Ulman communities. The past 11 years she had lived with a daughter in Jefferson City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, Troy, and one daughter, Norma V. Thomson.

Survivors include one daughter, Irene Schlumbohm of Jefferson City; one brother, Charley Sullivan of Sedalia; one sister, Gertrude Wyrick of Jefferson City; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Gott Cemetery near Ulman. Pallbearers were James L. Thornsberry, James Crader, Raymond Jones, Walter Pope, Lynn Lupardus and Weldon Mowery..

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Walter Hedges Funeral Home, Brumley.

Unknown Publication, January 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Pope of Eldon and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Thornsberry of Brumley attended funeral services Thursday in Sedalia for **Charles C. Sullivan**, 84, who died Wednesday, December 29, 1971 at 2:40 a.m. at Bothwell Hospital in Sedalia.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Miller County March 27, 1887, son of the late Harrison M. and Nancy J. Lupardus Sullivan. He married Alice R. Helton on Nov. 10, 1907, who survives.

Mr. Sullivan had been a resident of Sedalia since 1920 and was an engineer with a Missouri Pacific Railroad before his retirement.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mildred L. Rowe, Kansas City; Mrs. Mary K. Gallagher, Palestine, Tex.; Mrs. Doris Cole, Pendleton, Ore.; one son, Charles L. Sullivan, Albany, Ore.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. at the Heckart-Gillespie Funeral Home Thursday with the Rev. Medford E. Speaker, pastor of the East Sedalia Baptist Church officiating. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia.
William F. Wall, 75, passed away Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cameron, Mo. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, February 9 at St. Mark Catholic Church, 3736 Lee’s Summit Rd., Independence, MO 65055; burial in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Monday at St. Mark’s Church prior to Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Disabled American Veterans, or the St. Mark Catholic Church Mission Program.

Bill Was born September 26, 1933, in Kansas City, MO. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He worked in the Canine Unit of the KCMO Police Dept. during the 1960’s and was a member of Sheet Metal Worker’s Local 2.

Survivors include his wife Caroline (DeMaria) Wall; children Richard (Barbara), William (Sandy), Alan (Jacqui), Kathleen and Denise Wall; step-children Gregory, Frank and Mary Beth Watson; 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; sisters Meta (Earl) Potts, and Martha (Larry) Nickleson.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Passantino Brothers Funeral Home.

Julius R. Bailey, 68, Rte. 3, Eldon, a lifetime resident of Miller County, died Monday, Sept. 10, 1979, at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach. He was born Oct. 8, 1910, at Ulman to Mack and Maggie Kidwell Bailey, who preceded him in death. On Nov. 18, 1933, he was married at Boonville to Lorene Strange, who survives at the home.

Mr. Bailey had worked for Union Electric, retiring in 1975.

Survivors include three sons, Herbert Tennison, Houston, Tex., Ben Bailey, Raytown, and Larry G. Bailey, Lake Ozark; a daughter, Mrs. Maggie Patterson Finlay, Lake Ozark; two brothers, Gail Kidwell, Kaiser, and Jerry Bailey, Blue Springs; and 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Bailey was preceded in death by a brother, Glen Bailey, in 1932, and a son-in-law, LeRoy Patterson in 1975.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, with the Rev. Cellis Crum officiating. Burial will be in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Minnie Ethel Wickham Ramsey, daughter of N.R. and Marzella Wickham, was born near Iberia, Mo., Sept 29 1894, and departed this life at Granite City, January 29, 1929, to be with Jesus; age 34 years, 4 months and 17 days; her illness being of a very short duration.

She was united in marriage to Perry Ramsey March 8, 1916. To this union four children were born, two having preceded her to the better world. She was converted at the Dewey Ave. M.E. Church in 1920, and later received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Pentecostal faith to which she remained until death.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, two sons, Wade and Gerald, her parents of St. Elizabeth, Mo., six brothers, Belvia Wickham, Granite City, John, Ilda, George and Claude Wickham, all of St. Elizabeth; one half brother, Will Wickham, of Ulman, Mo., and two half sisters, Mrs. Jane Ahart of St. Elizabeth, and Della Boyd of Ulman, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

In memory of little Kenneth Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ramsey, 2109 Missouri Ave., Granite City, Ill. He was born March 10, 1925 and died April 28, 1926, at the age of 1 year.
1 month and 18 days. He leaves to mourn his death, a father, a mother, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends. One sister passed away before him.

He was a sweet and bright baby, and was admired by all who knew him. His suffering is now over and he is safely resting in the arms of his Savior.

Unknown Publication, February 1972

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon for Mrs. Cora Ann Carico, 88, of Rte. 1, Ulman, a lifelong resident of the area. Mrs. Carico died Friday, Feb. 4, 1972, at her home. She was born Dec. 10, 1883, at Ulman the daughter of Jim and Catherine (Neal) Horton.

On March 31, 1901, she was married at Ulman to John Wesley Carico. He died Dec. 31, 1958. (his obit says 1959) Mrs. Carico was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Ovid Carico, of Brumley; two daughters, Mrs. Ollie Smith and Mrs. Susie Case, both of Kansas City, Kan.; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. One son, Robert Carico, died Oct. 9, 1969.

Raymond Bond was officiating minister at the services Monday afternoon. Burial was in Gott Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gene Crane, Bill Thomson, Verner Beard, Frank Horton, Otis Carico and Walter Smith.

Unknown Publication, September 1972

Ovid Carico, 69, died Friday, Sept. 15, 1972, at his home near Ulman of an apparent heart attack. Mr. Carico was born Dec. 2, 1902, near Ulman, the son of John and Cora (Horton) Carico. He was married Aug. 6, 1928 in Jefferson City to Glee Burks, who survives.

Mr. Carico lived all of his life in the Ulman area where he farmed. He also worked in construction at Bagnell Dam and in building homes. He had been a member of the Ulman Christian Church since before 1928 and was a former member of Modern Woodmen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Bob Carico, and one brother in infancy.

Surviving other than his wife, Glee, are two daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Bilyeu and Mrs. Linda Perryman, both of Jefferson City; one granddaughter, Glenda Bilyeu; two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Smith and Mrs. Susie Case, both of Kansas City, Kan.; and four nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ulman Christian Church with Bro. Leo Senebey of Jefferson City officiating. Interment was in the Gott cemetery near Brumley under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Bill Thompson, Gary Graham, Warren Patterson, and Wade Hensley.

Unknown Publication, January 1978

Dora Ann Bilyeu, 79, Iberia, died Monday, Jan. 30, 1978, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City, where she had been a patient for about one day. Mrs. Bilyeu was born Jan. 28, 1899 in Miller County near Tuscumbia, the daughter of John T. and Edna (Lewis) Davenport. She was united in marriage on June 16, 1919 by Bro. William F. Jones in Tuscumbia, to William Howard Bilyeu. He died Feb. 13, 1944.

Mrs. Bilyeu lived for eight and one half years in Kansas City but spent most of her life in Miller County. In August 1943 she moved into Iberia where she had been employed at Iberia Manufacturing and also at Fort Leonard Wood.

She was baptized and became a member of the Iberia Church of Christ.

Also preceding her in death were: her parents, one daughter in infancy, two brothers, Paula and Roy and one sister, Mrs. Stella Clark.

Surviving are: one daughter, Mrs. Helen Sieckman of Kansas City; two sons, Gene Bilyeu of St. Louis and Kenneth Bilyeu of Dayton, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Cora Patterson of
Iberia and Mrs. Icie Peel, Mrs. Alma Markle and Mrs. Mae Brockman, all of Kansas City; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson, Brandon Lee.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with Bro. Wiliam Hensley officiating. Interment was in the Hickory Point Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were nephews.

The New Iberian, Thursday, September 20, 1973

Gilford W. Barr, 60, of Rte. 2, Iberia, died Sept. 15, 1973 at Memorial Community Hospital, Jefferson City, where he had been a patient since suffering a heart attack Aug 30. He was born Feb. 28, 1913 near Iberia to George L. and Mary Alice (Jarrett) Barr, who survive.

On June 29, 1949 he was married to Zella Elizabeth Bailey at the Fairview Christian Church by the Rev. Mark Sooter. His wife survives at the home.

Mr. Barr was deputy circuit clerk and recorder of deeds in Miller County and had served in his office since 1954. He had lived in the Iberia area all his life and, prior to 1954, had engaged in farming.

He was a member of Fairview Christian Church where he was Sunday school superintendent and church trustee. He was also a member of Iberia VFW Post #6167, had served on the Miller County Selective Service Board and was a veteran of World War II.

Preceding him in death was one sister, Jewell, in 1913.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Barr is survived by four brothers, Elmer Barr, Joe Barr and Robert Barr, all of Louisville, Ky., and Caroll Barr of Elizabethtown, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Irene Bollinger of Garrettsville, Ohio, Mrs. Mary Weeks of Eldon and Mrs. Mildred Weitz of Tuscumbia; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were…balance of clipping eaten by mice. He is buried in Jarrett Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, May 1980

Minnie M. Patterson, 92, Ulman, died Monday, May 12, 1980, at the Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born Feb. 26, 1888, at Ulman to Peter and Joan Cain Lupardus. Jan. 19, 1907, she was married at Tuscumbia to Fred O. Patterson who died Feb. 10, 1973.

Mrs. Patterson lived in the Ulman community all of her life. She had been a resident of the Miller County Nursing Home for the past three years. She was a member of the Ulman Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Tennyson F. Patterson, Ulman; a daughter, Mrs. Luna Powell, Ulman; and three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ulman Christian Church with Bro. Raymond Bond officiating. Burial was in Hickory Point Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication. June 1981

Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Patterson, 82, Ulman, died Saturday at her home. Mrs. Patterson was Dog Creek correspondent for the Miller County Autogram-Sentinel for many years. She was born Nov. 27, 1898, in Randolph County, a daughter of Alfred and Annie Wolverton Graves. On July 8, 1920, at Bagnell, she was married to James W. Patterson who survives at the home.

Mrs. Patterson was a member of the Ulman Baptist Church. She was a charter member of the Ulman Women’s Progressive Farmers Association and remained a member of the organization for many years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by nine sons: Babe Patterson, Bob Patterson, Maurice Patterson and Marvin Patterson, all of Ulman; James Patterson, St. Charles; Warren Patterson and William Patterson, both of Tuscumbia; Donald Patterson, Oak Harbor, Wash.; and
Harold Patterson, Godley, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Woolf, Osage Beach and Mrs. Carolyn Pryor, Tuscumbia; and 33 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and several step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Jackson Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, January 1977

Estel Eugene (Gene) Duncan, 52, Iberia, passed away Friday, Jan. 7, 1977, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City where he had been a patient since Thursday, January 6. Mr. Duncan was born July 4, 1924 in Iberia, Mo. in Miller County, the son of Ralph and Gladys (Wall) Duncan. He was united in marriage on July 20, 1943, to Ruth DeVore who survives of the home.

Mr. Duncan lived all his life in the Iberia area. He had worked as a carpenter and supervisor of entomology at Fort Leonard Wood.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one infant sister.

Surviving other than his wife, Ruth, are: four sons, Shirrell Duncan and Darrell Duncan, both of Iberia and Ricky and Dennis Duncan, both of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Louane Holeyfield of Independence, Mrs. Dorothy Jessee, Mrs. Pam Keeth and Mrs. Beverly Luttrell all of Iberia; one brother, Ray Duncan of El Paso, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. Vivian Gardner and Mrs. Vada Hensley, both of Iberia; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Curry Church near Iberia with Bro. Wayne Wall and Rev. Steve Shepherd officiating. Interment was in the Curry Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Jim Dole DeVore, Gary Wayne Whittle, Donnie Dean Whittle, Leroy Cochran, Melford Fry, Junior Plemons and Donny Luttrell. Honorary pallbearers were Buck Prather, Bob Morrow, John Ewers, Gene Meredith and David Fry.

Unknown Publication, November 1972

Roy A. Davenport, 59, died of an apparent heart attack Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1972, at his home, 445 E. Third St., Eldon. He was a retired storekeeper with General Motors. Mr. Davenport was born at Iberia Jan. 28, 1913, the son of John and Jane (Lewis) Davenport.

He was married to Avonel Bashore who survives at the home. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mary Farnsworth of Kansas City, and Miss Judy Davenport and Miss Susan Davenport of the home; one brother, Paul Davenport of Iberia; and five sisters, Mrs. Cora Patterson and Mrs. Dora Bilyeu of Iberia, and Mrs. Mae Brockman, Mrs. Alma Markle and Mrs. Icie Peel, all of Kansas City.

Mr. Davenport was a member of the Church of Christ in Kansas City. He retired in January, 1972, after 38 years with General Motors and the family moved to Eldon following his retirement.

He was a member of the General Motors Retirees Club, and a retired member of Local 93, United Auto Workers.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon. Bill Hensley was the officiating minister. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, December 1979

Mrs. Alma Rose Markle, 73, died Tuesday, December 4, 1979, at Sunrise Villa Convalescent Home in Brookfield. She was born at Iberia on April 25, 1906, daughter of the late John and Jane (Lewis) Davenport.

Mrs. Markle lived in Miller County until her marriage to Charles Mitchell Markle on Sept. 7, 1929. She lived in Kansas City for 47 years until failing health necessitated her move to Brookfield. She was a member of Coventry Gardens Baptist Church in Kansas City.
She is survived by her husband who is confined to the Maranantha Nursing Home in Brookfield; one son, Charles Lee Markle of Independence; four daughters, Joyce Markle of Lexington, Ky., Shirley Markle of Pleasant Hill, Janet Russell of Brookfield and Nancy Wilson of Warrensburg; three sisters, Cora Patterson of Iberia and Mae Brockman and Icie Pue of Kansas City; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, two brothers and a daughter, Mildred Jane Barclay.

Funeral services were conducted at Floral Hills Chapel, Raytown, at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 6 with Evangelist Richard Sparks officiating. Burial was in Floral Hills Cemetery with arrangements by Bowden Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield.

Unknown Publication, November 1977

George W. Trusley, son of John and Martha I. Trusley, was born near Brumley, October 12, 1909 and passed away Nov. 2, 1977, at a hospital in Columbia at the age of 68 years.

On April 30, 1932 he was married to Eunice Jeffries who survives. Mr. Trusley was a lifelong resident of Miller County where he engaged in farming. He was a member of the Pentecostal Church at Kaiser.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Eunice, of the home, near Brumley; two sons, Robert L. and Gene Trusley of Brumley, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Robinett Church near Brumley, with the Rev. Georgie L. Goodson officiating. Interment was in the Robinett Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dean Fields, Bill Jeffries, Jasper Hensley, Edgar Byrd, Mack Rainwater and Edgar Bilyeu. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Brumley.

Unknown Publication, December 1981

Vernice Lee Trusley, 60, daughter of the late William and Leona Albertson Luttrell, was born in Brumley on Oct. 1, 1921, and passed away Dec. 15, 1981, at Charles Still Hospital in Jefferson City. She professed her faith in Christ at a young age and was a member of the Riverview Baptist Church.

Besides her parents she is preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters. She is survived by three daughters, Joyce Witt of Brumley, Janet Hackworth of Rockford, Ill., and Judy Trusley of Springfield; four sisters, Ruby Smith of Brumley, Icie Robinett of Raytown, Gladys Phillips of Marshalltown, Iowa, and Fern Duncan of Kansas City; five grandchildren, Jeffery and William Witt of Brumley, Joseph Trusley of Eldon, and Kimberly and Timothy Schoenrock of Rockford, Ill.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Rodden Church in Brumley with the Rev. Dale Hayford and the Rev. Charles Caldwell officiating. Burial was in the Robinett Cemetery, Brumley.

Unknown Publication, October 1978

John Clark Martin, 70, Osage Beach, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1978. A Brumley native, he was born there Aug 2, 1908, to John Perry and Isabell (Bozarth) Martin, Oct. 19, 1940. He was married at Waynesville to Hazel Wiseman, who died May 29, 1976.

He operated the Brumley Garage for many years, retiring in 1964 due to ill health. He was a member of the Brumley Christian Church.

Surviving are a son, Lester Martin, Osage Beach; three brothers, Reid Martin, Brumley, Royal Martin, Moberly and Wesley Martin, Bonne Terre; a sister, Mildred Stuhr, Brumley, and two grandchildren.
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Brumley Christian Church with the Rev. Carroll Jeffries officiating. Burial was in Hawkins Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, December 1984

James Ray Myers, 65, of Kansas City died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1984, at his home. He was born Feb. 16, 1919, in Ulman to Asa Monroe and Carrie Patterson Myers. Mr. Myers was a retired dock worker for Kansas City area railroad. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of VFW Post 1219 in Kansas City.

Surviving him are a brother, Bill Myers of Ulman; and two sisters, Gertrude Stout and Kathleen Myers, both of Ulman.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in the Hickory Point Cemetery with military graveside rites. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Unknown Publication, February 1983

Mr. Robert “Bob” Colvin, 80, of Kansas City, Ks., died Monday, Feb. 28, 1983 at Bethany Medical Center in Kansas. He was born in Ulman, the son of Wes and Mary Colvin, and had lived in the Kansas City, Ks. Area since 1925.

Mr. Colvin worked for Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. before he retired in 1972. He was a charter member of the Berean Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Colvin of the home; a son, Maurice Colvin, Danville, Ind.; a sister, Mrs. Agnes Patterson, Ulman; and three granddaughters.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Maple Hill Chapel in Kansas City, Ks. with burial in the Maple Hill Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, Dec 1972

Mrs. Priscilla May McDonald, one of Miller County’s oldest residents, died Friday at Jones Boarding Home in Tuscumbia. She was 99 years old.

A lifetime resident of Miller County, Mrs. McDonald was born May 7, 1873, in the Ulman area to Peter B. Lupardus and Joanna (Cain) Lupardus. She was married Oct. 30, 1892, in Ulman to Benjamin B. McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary before he died Dec. 30, 1952.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lois Crismon, Eldon; two sons, Dwight, Ulman, and Bert, New Port Richey, Fla.; a brother, Chat Lupardus, Eldon; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Patterson, Ulman; 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. McDonald was a member of the Ulman Christian Church.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Mt. Zion Christian Church, the Rev. Mark Sooter presiding. Burial was at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons and great-grandsons, Charles B. McDonald, Bob McDonald, Carl McDonald, Ronald McDonald, Pat McDonald, and Chris L. Crismon, Jr.

Unknown Publication, September 1972

Barney F. King, 60, of Livingston, Ill., died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1972, at St. Luke’s Hospital in St. Louis. Mr. King was born Dec. 6, 1911 in Miller County near Capps, the son of Marion and Rosa (Roark) King. He was married Sept. 19, 1930 to Virgie Wickham who preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 1940. Mr. King had worked for General Steel Industries in Granite City, Ill. He was a member of the Steelworkers’ Union.

Surviving are two daughters, Muriel Bezlay and Rowena Mikolaszuk, both of Granite City, Ill.; three sons, Garrett King of Santa Barbara, Calif., Garland King of Santa Maria, Calif. and Val King of Azusa, Calif.; 24 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; five brothers,
Wallace King of Kansas City, Kan., Lafe King of Tuscumbia, Herman King of Eldon, Marion B. King, Jr. of Brumley and Tennyson King of Mololla, Ore.; two sisters, Beulah Morrison of Cottonwood, Ariz., and Bernice Kuoppala of Anchorage, Alaska.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Stevinson Chapel in St. Elizabeth with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dale Johnson, Belvia Boyd, and Roger, Ronnie, Glen and Marion B. King.

Unknown Publication, June 1977

Charles Deward Vickers, 57, died Saturday, June 18, 1977, at his home near Tuscumbia. Mr. Vickers was born Nov. 7, 1919 near Stockton in Cedar County, the son of John and Amanda (Gilbert) Vickers. He had lived in Miller County since 1948 where he was a laborer and farmer. Mr. Vickers served in World War II in the Army.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Amanda Graves of Ulman; one brother, William S. Vickers of Houston, Tex.; five sisters, Mrs. Esther Patterson of Ulman, Mrs. Edith Marriott of Versailles, Mrs. Nellie Costello of Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Ruth Looker of Columbia and Mrs. Marie Allred of Greer S.C.; and one half-sister, Mrs. Ethel Mauldin of Windsor.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with the Rev. Gene Edwards and the Rev. Robert Hansen officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Military graveside rites were by the mortuary team of Eldon VFW Post 2442 and Eldon American Legion Post 229. Pallbearers were: Jessie Phillips, Warren Patterson, Bage Patterson, Marvin Patterson, Curtis Musick and Elmer Musick.

Unknown Publication, November 1975

Mrs. Beulah O. Kinder, 79, of Sedalia died Friday, Nov. 15, 1974, at a nursing home in Sedalia. Mrs. Kinder had been sick for a few months and had recently been transferred from a hospital to the nursing home.

The former Beulah Burd, born July 27, 1895, a native of Miller County, she was the daughter of the late William A. Burds. She was married in 1912 to Charles Kinder who preceded her in death. Their early married years were spent in Miller County, but she had resided in the Sedalia area some 40 years.

Survivors include three sons, Byron and Charles M. of Sedalia, and Guy of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three daughters, Mrs. Erwin (Dorothy) Cramer and Mrs. Bill (Beulah Mae) Coffelt, both of Sedalia, and Barbara, who lives in Virginia; one brother, Ralph Burd of Springfield; and five sisters, Mrs. Irene Early, Mrs. Grace Goebel and Mrs. Margaret Carmine of California, Mrs. Prue Potter of Tulsa, Okla., and Mary Ruth Setser of Tuscumbia.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kinder were held at the Ewing Funeral Home in Sedalia Sunday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. George H. Farr officiating. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, August 1976

Byron Harley Hix, 83, Tuscumbia, a World War I veteran and retired 50-year-banker, died Friday, Aug. 20, 1976, at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia. He was a lifelong resident of Miller County.

Mr. Hix was born Jan. 22, 1893 in Ulman, a son of the late John H. and Dessie (Myers) Hix. He was married June 13, 1919 to Ida Maude Hauenstein who survives.

He also leaves a daughter, Mrs. John (Janet) McNeeley, Tuscumbia; a brother, Guy Hix, Ulman; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Wexkler and Mrs. Elsie Barnes, Leesburg, Fla.; and three grandchildren. Four brothers, John Hix, Herbert Hix, Gail Hix and Bill Hix, preceded him in death.

Mr. Hix was educated in the public schools of Miller County and Tuscumbia High School. He began his long tenure with the Bank of Tuscumbia as assistant cashier in May, 1916, at the close of the school term in the old Keyes district near Ulman where he was a rural teacher.
Mr. Hix served in the Army from Sept. 6, 1917 until March 8, 1919, and was on overseas duty in England and France for 10 months with Co. I, 356th Infantry 89th Division. He was wounded on Oct. 6, 1918 while in front line service in France.

He returned from World War I duty to resume his position with the Bank of Tuscumbia in April 1919 and became cashier of the bank in 1944. Before his retirement, he was welcomed into the 50-year Club of the Missouri Bankers Assn., in 1966 and presented with a gold pin by the club.

Mr. Hix was a member of the Tuscumbia Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of Miller County Barracks 1442, Veterans of World War I, and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Funeral services for Mr. Hix were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon with the Rev. Finis G. Hodges, Crocker, officiating. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.
Pallbearers were Frank Martin, Ralph Riemensnider, Bob Hix, Ernest Swanson, Bill Myers, and Micky Evacko.

Unknown Publication, November 1979

**Ercil E. Sooter**, 59, Rte. 2, Brumley, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 1979 at his home. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Mt. Zion Christian Church near Tuscumbia. Mr. Sooter was born June 17, 1920, at Ulman to Alvin and Ella Abbett Sooter. His mother survives at Tuscumbia. Aug 17, 1960, he was married at Kirksville to Lillian Alleen Strutton, who survives at the home.

Mr. Sooter was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II and was a member of the Iberia VFW Post No. 6167. He was also a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Garner, Springfield, and Mrs. Francis Irwin, Independence; three step-sons, Norman DeGraffenreid, Frank DeGraffenreid and Harold DeGraffenreid, all of Eldon; a step-daughter, Miss Charolette DeGraffenreid, Kansas City; a brother, Gene Sooter, Tuscumbia; and seven grandchildren.

The Rev. Carroll Jeffries officiated at the services. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, January 1975

**Nellie Ruth (Bowlin) Eubanks** was born Nov. 30, 1903 and died Jan. 22, 1975, the daughter of John Newton and Bessie Cotten Bowlin.

She was united in marriage to Ode Eubanks in Kansas City July 3, 1924. He passed away Aug 6, 1974, just a little over a month after they celebrated their Golden Anniversary.

The Eubanks made their home in California for several years, then returned to Missouri and built a home on part of the Bowlin home place where Nellie was born and reared. They lived there nine years, moving back to California because of Mr. Eubanks' failing health in 1973.

While she lived here she was a member of Riverview Baptist Church. She was active in church and community affairs.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Frances Eubanks, two grandchildren, Jackie and Janine Eubanks. One son, Wayne, died while in service. She is also survived by four sisters, Bernice Mabe, Lawrence, Kan., Pearl Dingey, Kansas City, Kan., Fern Phillips, Sacramento, Calif., Eunice Simms; two brothers, Gradon and Roscoe Bowlin, Kansas City, Kan.; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were under the direction of Patterson and Snively Mortuary of Long Beach, California with interment in Sunnyside Memorial Park. The Rev. Jack B. Boyd conducted Memorial Services, Jan. 24 at 1:30 in the Missionary and Alliance Church.
Buell Gordon Burton, Rte 3, Eldon (Lakeview) died Monday, Jan 11, 1982, at his home. He was born Aug. 13, 1917, at Kaiser to Jess and Martha Percival Burton. April 27, 1940, he was married at Tuscumbia to Vernie Horton, who survives.

Mr. Burton worked for Union Electric for 32 years, retiring in January 1980. He was a hydro-turbine operator. He was a member of the Bagnell Baptist Church, the Lake Ozark and Eldon saddle clubs, the Mid America Horse Breeders Association and the Fox Hunters Association.

Other survivors are a son, Stanley Burton, Lake Ozark; a brother, George Burton Linn Creek; a sister, Grace Allhands, Marionville; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Bagnell Baptist Church with the Rev. Wendall Estill officiating. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

Lance F. Groce, 80, Iberia, died Monday, Jan. 11, 1982, at the Missouri State Chest Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with the Rev. Russell Hunt and the Rev. Ralph Bruce officiating. Burial will be in Hawkins Cemetery.

Mr. Groce was born Sept. 12, 1901, at West Plains to Walter and Bertha Thornsberry Groce. March 20, 1930, he was married at Waynesville to Bernice Swenehart, who survives at the home. He was a retired farmer and carpenter. Mr. Groce was a member of the Iberia First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Larry Groce, Olathe, Kan.; three daughters, Mrs. Marbel Batemen, Manhatten Beach, Calif., Mrs. Dean Dilley, Ulman, and Mrs. JoAnn Wall, Shawnee Mission, Kan.; two brothers, Lee Groce, Richland, and Lloyd Groce, Oakland, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Della Huff, Pueblo Calif., and Mrs. Dora Warren, Oakland, Calif.; and 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A lifetime resident of Miller County, Mrs. Ollie Belle Woolery, 86, of Rte. 1, Eldon died Saturday, March 2, 1974, at her home. She was born July 24, 1888, at Iberia to John and Margaret Whittle Wallace. Feb. 26, 1904, she was married to Earnest D. Woolery, who died Aug 14, 1966. Mrs. Woolery was a member of the Iberia First Christian Church.


Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Griswold-Kays Funeral Home with the Rev. C.R. Morgan officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Iberia.

Mrs. Ollie Abbott, 69 of Tuscumbia, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 1971, at her home. Mrs. Abbott was born Oct 11, 1901 in Miller County near Tuscumbia, the daughter of Monroe and Stella (Wyrick) Roberts. She was married Feb. 17, 1923 to Charles Elmer Abbott who preceded her in death on April 16, 1967. Also preceding her in death were one son, Billy Gene Abbott, age 4 on March 30, 1930, and one sister, Mary Roberts, on Dec. 22, 1923.

Mrs. Abbott was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church, the Eldon Senior Citizens Club and the Miller County Auxiliary of Barracks 1442, Veterans of World War I. She retired in 1962 from Ft. Leonard Wood where she managed a guest house.
Surviving are one son, Walter G. Abbott of Tuscumbia; seven sisters, Mrs. Bertha Reinke of Jefferson City, Mrs. Lucy Umstead and Mrs. Jennie Bear of Tuscumbia, Mrs. Oma Brown of Caro, Mich., Mrs. Bernice Kallenbach and Mrs. Juanita Marriott of Grandview, and Mrs. Irene Moseley of Eldon; and one grandson, Bill Abbott of Tuscumbia.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia, with the Rev. Earl Brown officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jim Myers, Archie Roark, Roy Bear, Jerry Setser, Jim Kohn and Jeff James.

Unknown Publication, November 1975

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon for Ilda H. Wickham, 76, of Rte. 1 Eldon. Mr. Wickham died Thursday, Nov. 27, 1975, at his home. He was born Sept. 3, 1899, in Miller County to Nelson R. and Marzilla Grosvenor Wickham. He was married Feb. 11, 1920, by the Rev. C.M. Sooter to Dora Bear, who survives.

Mr. Wickham was a retired farmer who moved to the Eldon community 20 years ago. He worked for Central Missouri Turkey Hatchery 18 years. He had been a member of the Humphreys Creek Christian Church since 1922.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Wickham is survived by two sons, Alton and Wayne Wickham, both of Eldon; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Wall, Mrs. Mary Reed, both of Eldon, and Mrs. Elfreda Medley, Columbus, Ga.; a brother, Claude Wickham, Granite City, Ill.; and 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Roy Weece officiated at the services. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, January 1978

Raymond Wickham, 84, of 405 N. Spruce St., Eldon, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1978 at his home. Mr. Wickham was born Aug. 19, 1893 at Tuscumbia to Joe and Susan Lorena Prock Wickham. Feb. 24, 1915, he was married at Tuscumbia to Lucy Ida Lurton who died Nov. 7, 1964.

Mr. Wickham lived in the Tuscumbia area most of his life. He moved to Eldon in 1958 when he retired from farming. He was a member of the Eldon United Methodist church.

Survivors include four sons, R.H. (Jim) Wickham, Tucson, Ariz., Joseph H. Wickham, Granite City, Ill., Gerald R. Wickham, El Paso, Tex., and Harold L. Wickham, St. Louis; a brother, Mal Wickham, Madison, Wis., and 10 grandchildren. Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Eldon United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Burign officiating. Burial was in Tuscumbia Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, Thursday, June 14, 1979

Graveside services with military honors will be conducted Friday at Gott Cemetery for Robert Ray Wickham, 35, of the United States Navy who was killed Sunday, June 10, 1979, in an off-duty traffic accident on the west coast. He was a son of Jesse Wickham, Rte. D. Kaiser

An engineman first class with the Nave, he served on the USS Tuscaloosa, an LST 1187, in port at the time before departing on Monday for a naval exercise. Mr. Wickham, who made his home in San Diego, had served 16 years with the Navy. He was fatally injured in an accident on Hwy. 15 at Escondido, California.

Mr. Wickham was born April 11, 1944 in Granite City, Ill., son of Jesse and Ruby (Myers) Wickham. His mother preceded him in death. He was a member of the Tipton Baptist Church.

In addition to his father of the Kaiser community, he leaves a son, Robert B. of California, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Howard (Marie) Adcock, St. Charles; and a brother, Billy Lee Wickham, Tollhouse, Calif.
The Rev. Charles Cox will officiate at the graveside services at 2 p.m. Friday at Gott Cemetery between Ulman and Brumley. Military rites will be conducted by the U.S. Navy and the Ft. Leonard Wood mortuary team. Navy personnel will serve as pallbearers and the Ft. Wood team will provide the honor guard. Arrangements are under the direction of Phillips funeral Home of Eldon.

**Unknown Publication, February 1979**

**Mrs. Grace Myrtle Wickham,** 84, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 1979, at her home in Iberia. She was a lifelong resident of Miller County. She was born Sept. 20, 1894 at Iberia, daughter of the late Adam and Susie (Shackleford) Setser. On Dec. 7, 1913 she was married to George Harrison Wickham who died Feb. 17, 1960.

Mrs. Wickham was a member of the Fairview Christian Church near Iberia. She lived on a farm near St. Elizabeth all of her married life, moving to Iberia in 1960.

Survivors include one son, Clay Wickham of Iberia; one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Lindsey of Granite City, Ill.; one brother, Arthur Setser of Iberia; one sister, Mrs. Maggie Wickham of Granite City, Ill.; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. One son, Glen, died in 1973.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Stevinson Funeral Home in Iberia with Bro. Steve Shepherd officiating. Burial was in the Livingston Cemetery near Iberia.

**Unknown Publication, April 1982**

**Fred William Wickham,** 79, Lake Ozark, died Sunday, April 18, 1982, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. He was born Dec. 5, 1902, at Ulman to William E. and Laura Hawk Wickham. On Sept. 25, 1923, he was married in Jefferson City to Necy Ellen Cox, who died March 13, 1980.

Mr. Wickham was a retired mechanic for the Civil Service. He worked at Fort Leonard Wood and Granite City, Ill. He was a member of Modern Woodmen for 55 years.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Graham, Ulman; four brothers, Jack Wickham and Jesse Wickham, both of Lake Ozark, George Wickham, Tuscumbia, and Gene Wickham, Brumley; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Stevinson-Mossman funeral Home with the Rev. Wendell Estill officiating. Burial was in Gott Cemetery, Ulman.

**Unknown Publication, February 1977**

Funeral services for **Mrs. Edith Ivy Flaugher,** 76, Tuscumbia, were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Mrs. Flaugher died Saturday, Feb. 5, 1977, at the Miller County Nursing Home near Tuscumbia. She was born Feb 27, 1900, at Cuba, Mo., to Edward and Sally Boyd Clark. June 15, 1915, she was married to Elmer Flaugher, who survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Barney Flaugher, Tuscumbia, Bob Flaugher, Kansas City, and Harold Flaugher, Rocky Mount; five daughters, Mrs. Ruby Hawken, Mrs. Beulah Ahart, and Mrs. Oma Miller, all of Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Dorothy Vaughan, Brumley, and Mrs. Betty Helton, Eldon; a brother, Elmer Clark, Sedalia; a sister, Ida Sward, Sedalia; and 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Flaugher, and two daughters, Bertha Flaugher and Rosie Lea Stewart.

The Rev. Gene Cain officiated at the services. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery with grandsons as pallbearers.

**Unknown Publication, February 1990**

**Barney E. Flaugher,** 70, of Tuscumbia died Thursday, Feb. 15, 1990 at his home. He was born Feb. 26, 1919 in Tuscumbia to Elmer Henry and Edith Ivy Clark Flaugher. On April 7, 1945 he was married in Junction City, Kan. to Elva A. Hill, who survives at the home.
Mr. Flaugher was a lifetime resident of the Tuscumbia community. He was an Army veteran of World War II. After his retirement from carpentry, he served as a dispatcher for the Miller County Sheriff’s Department for several years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Ernie Flaugher of Etterville; two daughters, Carolyn Jackson and Marilyn Fry, both of Tuscumbia; two brothers, Bob Flaugher of Kansas City and Harry Flaugher of Rocky Mount; four sisters, Oma Miller and Beulah Ahart, both of Kansas City, Kan., Dorothy Vaughan of Brumley and Betty Helton of Eldon; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery, with military graveside rites performed by Eldon VFW Post 2442. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Unknown Publication, December 1977

James Franklin McDaniel, 86, son of the late Ann Liza Colvin and George Washington McDaniel, was born Oct. 8, 1891 in Miller County and died Dec. 10, 1977, at the Bates County Memorial Hospital, Butler.

He spent the early part of his life in Miller County, Later moving to Bates County where he spent the remainder of his life farming. On Aug. 11, 1913, he was married to the late Lillie Ethel Burke.

He is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Newcomb of Rich Hill, and Wiklma Gutshall of Adrian; one son, Warren McDaniel of Junction City, Kan.; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Minnie Dinwiddie of Eldon, and Maggie Boyd of Ulman; three brothers, Dan McDaniel of Marshfield, Earl McDaniel of Brumley and Arthur McDaniel of Redwood City, Calif.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Underwood-Steinbeck Chapel, Butler with Wayne Beckham officiating. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Butler, under the direction of Underwood-Steinbeck.

Unknown Publication, November 1984

Dan C. McDaniel, 86, of Tuscumbia, died Friday, Nov. 30, 1984, at a Springfield hospital. He was a lifelong resident of Miller County. He was born Feb. 24, 1898, near Kaiser to George W. and Ann Liza Colvin McDaniel. On Aug 21, 1945 he was married to Guardie Watson Sooter, who died March 14, 1984.

Mr. McDaniel was a retired farmer and was a member of the Ulman Christian Church. Surviving him are a step-daughter, Dixie Roark of Marshfield; two brothers, Earl McDaniel of Brumley and Arthur McDaniel of Redwood City, Calif.; two sisters, Minnie Curtman of Eldon and Maggie Boyd of Ulman; and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Ulman Christian Church with the Rev. Earl Basil Brown officiating. Burial was in Colvin Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, February 1987

Earl W. McDaniel, 73, of Brumley died Sunday, Feb. 22, 1987 at St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. He was born Sept. 22, 1913 in Kaiser to George W. and Ann Liza Colvin McDaniel. On Sept. 28, 1940, he was married in Bloodland in Pulaski County to Dorothy Jean Young, who survives at the home.

Mr. McDaniel was a lifetime resident of the Kaiser area. He worked as a trucker in the construction industry and also was a retired farmer. He was a commissioner of the Kaiser Special Road District and also had served on the ASCS county committee.
Surviving him, in addition to his wife, are three sons, George E. McDaniel of Colorado Springs, Colo., Gaylord McDaniel and Dwight McDaniel, both of Brumley; a brother, Arthur McDaniel of Redwood City, Calif.; two sisters, Minnie Dinwiddie Courtman of Eldon and Maggie Boyd of Ulman; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at New Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. Curtis Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Colvin Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, January 1976

A lifelong resident of Miller County, Holsey Wyrick, 92, of Ulman, died early Wednesday, Jan 28, 1976, at Charles E. Still Hospital, Jefferson City, where he had been a patient off and on since September, 1975. Mr. Wyrick was born Dec. 28, 1883 near Ulman, a son of the late Tolbert and Mary (Wickham) Wyrick. He was married Nov. 15, 1910 at Bear Creek, by the Rev. Simon Cox, to Susie Richardson. His wife died Sept. 23, 1969.

He lived near Ulman throughout his life and farmed there. Mr. Wyrick was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Barnhart of Eldon; one brother, Cloudy Wyrick of Ulman; one sister, Mrs. Eva Watson of St. Louis; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wyrick was also preceded in death by two sons, Monroe in infancy and Louis; five brothers, Oliver, Alvin, Clarence, Henry and Mike; and one sister, Mrs. Stella Roberts.

Funeral services for Mr. Wyrick will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Boltz Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, April 1976

Mrs. Lena (Lee) Wyrick, 66, Tuscumbia, died Friday, April 23, 1976, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. A patient less than a day, she had been in ill health for some time.

Mrs. Wyrick was born Sept. 19, 1909, in Miller County near Tuscumbia, the daughter of Arthur and Laura Hamilton Bilyeu. She was united in marriage on Feb. 21, 1937, in Tuscumbia by Judge Hicks to Calvin T. Wyrick, who survives of the home.

Mrs. Wyrick lived in St. Louis, Mo. prior to and during World War II and spent the rest of her life in Miller County. She was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Byron and James Bilyeu, and two sisters, Ida Marmon and Elsie Anderson, Tuscumbia; and three sisters, Bernice Muffler, St. Louis, Bertha Limbach, Mary’s Home, and Bonnie Gallages, Tuscumbia.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Mt. Zion Christian Church with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Pallbearers were Babe Patterson, Philip Earp, Denny Pendleton, Tom Graves, Johnny Setser and Buster Stone.

Unknown Publication, June 1977

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon for Calvin T. Wyrick, 66, of Tuscumbia who died Tuesday morning, June 7, 1977, at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Administration Hospital, Columbia, where he had been a patient since June 3. He had been ill since Jan. 25.

Mr. Wyrick, a farmer and carpenter in the Tuscumbia area throughout his lifetime, was a United States Army veteran of World War II. He was born March 7, 1911 near Tuscumbia, a son of the late James Alvin and Sadie (Vannatta) Wyrick.

On February 21, 1937, he was married to Lena E. Bilyeu in a ceremony in Tuscumbia performed by Judge Hicks. His wife died April 23, 1976.

Mr. Wyrick was a member of the Mt. Zion Christina Church near Tuscumbia, the Miller County Fox Hunters Assn., and the Missouri State Fox Hunters Assn.
He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ocra Adcock of Tuscumbia, and six brothers, Ray Wyrick of Bad Axe, Mich., Clay Wyrick of Cairo, Mich., Clarence Wyrick of Modesto, Calif., Earl Wyrick of Riverbank, Calif., and Clinton Wyrick and Gail Wyrick, both of Tuscumbia.

The Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate at the funeral services at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mt. Zion Christian Church. Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Denny Pendleton, Babe Patterson, Maurice Patterson, Buster Stone, Phillip Earp and _____.

Unknown Publication, November 1972

Mrs. Cecil C. Boyd, 80, of Iberia, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 1972, at the Miller County Nursing Home near Tuscumbia. Mrs. Boyd was born April 25, 1892 in Miller County near Iberia, the daughter of Eugene and Effie (Norwood) Clark. She was married Oct. 3, 1911 at Brays to Edward Boyd, who preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1965. Mrs. Boyd lived all of her life in the Miller County area near Iberia and Ulman. She attended the Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Maude Simpson of Kansas City, Kan.; three sons, Belvia Boyd of Rte. 3 Dixon, and Eliza Boyd and Ellis Boyd, both of Eldon; three brothers, Adrian Clark of Philadelphia, Pa., Norwood Clark, Sr. of Iberia, and Eric Clark of Rte. 3 Dixon; two sisters, Bernice Tillman and Constance Royer, both of Hooper, Neb.; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with the Rev. Wilford David officiating. Interment was in the Lawson Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dean Lawson, Alvin Ewan, Ernest Boyd, Belvia Boyd, Ellis Boyd, Elza Boyd, Curtis Shikles, and David Spalding.

Unknown Publication, December 1976

Ottis O. Richardson, 76, Rte. 1, Brumley, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1976, at Richland. He had lived all his life in Miller County. Mr. Richardson was born Feb. 22, 1900 at Ulman to Lewis and Anna Colvin Richardson. In 1920 he was married at Ulman to the former Lilly Ethel Colvin who survives.

Other survivors include four sons, Emerson Richardson, Holts Summit, Junior Richardson, Kansas City, Jack Richardson, Richland, and James Richardson, Osage Beach; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Long, Eldon, Mrs. Alma Meadel, Albuquerque, N.M., and Mrs. Ruth McDonald, New Port Richie, Fla.; and eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Carroll Jeffries officiating. Burial was in Gott Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, March 1983

Miss Mary Irene Blackburn, 75, of Eldon, died Monday, March 7, 1983 at Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City. She was born Dec. 31, 1907 at Tuscumbia to Clarence L. and Rosa Myrtle Harris Blackburn. Miss Blackburn was a member of the Eldon First Baptist Church and its Mary Martha Sunday School Class. She was a lifelong resident of Miller County.

Surviving her are: a sister, Mrs. Louis (Helen) Apperson of Eldon; two nephews, Larry Apperson of Eldon and Dr. James Blackburn of Birmingham, Ala.; and two nieces, Alvia George of Jefferson City and Priscilla Walkup of Blue Springs. A brother, James Lee Blackburn, died on March 21, 1977.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. James Westmoreland and the Rev. Arnim Ray officiating. Visitation was held from 2 until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

The Daily Capital News, October 1989

Gerald W. James, 69, of 1304 Isom Dr., died Monday at Memorial Community Hospital after a one-year illness. He was born Jan. 1, 1920, at Iberia, a son of Alvis B. and Oma M.
Vaughn James. He was married July 8, 1961, at Iberia, to Sarah Geraldine Bond, who survives of the home.

He was a lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area. He was a 1939 graduate of Tuscumbia High School and a 1948 graduate of the University of Missouri with a B.S. in agriculture. He served in the United States Army in Europe during World War II. He was employed as a materials inspector with District 5 of the Missouri Highway Department for 30 years before his retirement on Dec 31, 1982.

He was a member of the Memorial Baptist Church, the Jefferson Lodge No. 43, A.F. and A.M., the Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 Royal Arch Masons, the Ezra Council No. 32 Cryptic Masons, the Victoria Chapter No. 14 Order of the Eastern Star, the American Legion, Iberia Post No. 105, and the Missouri State Highway Employee Association of Missouri.

Other survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Denise F. Rook and Ms. Debra K. James, both of Jefferson City; one sister, Mrs. Dean Baker, Iberia; and two brothers, Remus James, Ashland, and Nile James, Dayton, Ohio.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at the Freeman Chapel with the Rev. Donald Murray officiating. Graveside services with military honors will be at the Iberia City Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Jefferson City Hospice.

Unknown Publication, Thursday, December 21, 1978

Funeral services were held Monday in Brumley for Fred A. Tomson, 93, a retired farmer and stockman, who died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1978 at a Jefferson City hospital.

Mr. Tomson, son of James F. and Mattie Tomson, was born at New Haven, Mo., on Nov. 10, 1885. On March 10, 1912 he was married to Susie F. Horton who passed away in April of 1964. When a young man, Mr. Tomson united with the Church of Christ.

Surviving relatives are one son, Bill Tomson of Brumley; one brother, Victor Tomson of the State of Alaska; three sisters, Lois Baker of Diamond, Ark., Clara Tomson of the state of Minnesota, and Margaret Orcutt of Vincennes, Ind.; five grandsons; four great-grandchildren; and his step-mother, Mrs. James F. Tomson of Diamond, Ark. One son, Delmar, died at the age of 3 years.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Hedges Funeral Home in Brumley, with Carroll Jeffries officiating. Burial was in the Gott Cemetery near Brumley. Pallbearers were Charles Tomson, Tommy Tomson, Melvin Tomson, Gene Tomson, Ronnie Tomson and Ralph Tomson.

Unknown Publication, September 1969

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Eugene Christian Church for James Arthur McNeely of Eugene. Mr. McNeely died at 11 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1969, at Ellis Fischel Hospital, Columbia. He had observed his 40th birthday only 22 days earlier.

Mr. McNeely, an employee of Anchor Milling Co. since 1948, was active in church and community affairs.

He was born Aug. 18, 1929 at Jefferson City, the son of Roy and Dorothy (Smith) McNeely. He graduated from Eldon High School in 1947. Mr. Neely was a veteran of service with the United States Army during the Korean War.

He was married March 7, 1954 to Anna Mae Bontrager who survives at the home. Also surviving are two sons, James Arthur and Alan B. McNeely of Eugene; his parents who now live at Fulton; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Grimm of Stewartsville and Mrs. Helen Rea of Eldon; and two brothers, John McNeely of Tuscumbia and David McNeely of Gibson City, Ill.

Mr. McNeely was a member of the Eugene Christian Church and served as a deacon of the church and Sunday school class teacher.

First associated with Anchor Milling Co. at Tuscumbia, he went to Eldon after the company established its store there in the early 1950’s. He was a member of the Eldon Kiwanis
Club, serving as president, in 1964, and of the Chamber of Commerce in which he also had held office.

Ray Kelley will officiate at the service on Friday. Burial will be in the Spring Garden Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, December 1989

Clarence L. “Rusty” Brockman, of 408 E. Eighth St., Eldon, died Sunday December 24, 1989, at his home. He was born Feb. 4, 1924, in Tuscumbia, a son of Stanley Brockman and Erusla Blount.

A retired mechanic, Mr. Brockman had also worked for the railroad. He was in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the American Legion, VFW and AA.

Surviving him are a son, Rex Brockman, Eldon; a brother, Roy Brockman, Westminster, Calif.; a sister, Mary Lou Schroeder, Fountain Valley, Calif., and two grandsons, Wade and Brian Brockman.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Griswold-Kays Funeral Home in Eldon. Private burial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Tuscumbia Cemetery with the Rev. Jasper Hunter officiating.

Unknown Publication, April 1986

Services for Jewel S. Pope, 76, Eldon, Mo., formerly of Kansas City, Kan., will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Griswold-Kays Funeral Home, Eldon, Mo. Burial will be in Rodden Cemetery, Brumley, Mo. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mr. Pope died Monday (April 2, 1986) at a hospital in Columbia, Mo. He was born in Miller County, Mo. and had lived in KCK before he moved to Eldon four years ago. He was a machine operator for the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. 24 years and retired in 1968.

Surviving are four sons, Cecil Pope, Teriton, Okla., Leman Pope, McLeansville, N.C., Paul Pope, Cole Camp, Mo., and Larry Pope, Eldon; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Atkinson, Eldon; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Brown and Mrs. Hazel Simpson, both of KCK and Mrs. Ilene Allee, Los Angeles.; 26 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Unknown Publication, November 1955

Aloys Bernard Doerhoff, a well-known Fulton building contractor, died early Thursday at the Callaway Hospital shortly after his admittance following a heart attack at his home, 906 Nichols St. in Fulton. He was 63 years old.

Mr. Doerhoff was in the carpentry trade until almost ten years ago when he formed the A.B. Doerhoff and Sons Construction Co., with his four sons. He went to Fulton in 1935 and played an important role in the development of new housing areas there. His firm, in the past year, built the addition to the Providence Baptist Church in New Bloomfield and now holds contract for the new Callaway Electric Cooperative headquarters on Highway 54 south.

Born in 1892 at St. Elizabeth, he was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Bax Doeroff. He was married to the former Miss Mary Bode on Feb. 6, 1917, who survives.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. Peter’s Catholic Church with interment in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The body lay in state at the Maupin Funeral Home where the Rosary was said at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Also surviving are: the four sons, Norbert, Harold, Felix and Paul, all of Fulton; three daughters, Mrs. Rita Hacker of Wellston, Mrs. Esther Aungerer of Fulton, Mrs. Pauline Foster of Fulton; three brothers, Steve of St. Elizabeth, Otto of Overland and Cornelius of St. Charles; and six sister, Mrs. Sophia Schwaller of Mary’s Home, Mrs. Martha Oligschläger and Mrs. Theresa Evers of St. Elizabeth, Mrs. Anna Evers of St. Louis, Mrs. Rosa Kemna of Westphalia and Mrs. Antonetta Schell of Westphalia.
Unknown Publication, November 1955

**Byron Bunker**, 72, son of the late Isaiah and Martha J. Bunker, was born June 12, 1883, and died Nov. 19, 1955, being a life-long resident of Miller County.

Mr. Bunker owned and operated a farm in the Rocky Mount community for number of years. Early in life, he became a Christian, uniting with the Rocky Mount Baptist Church. He had also been a member of the Odd Fellow and Rebecca Lodge for about 50 years.

Surviving are: three sisters, Ethel Bunker, Mrs. Ellen Henley and Mrs. Arie Fogelman, all of Eldon; one brother, Milton Bunker of Eldon; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. Martin and Rev. Dinwiddie officiating. Burial was in the Dooley Cemetery with the Odd Fellows Lodge in charge of services at the grave.

Unknown Publication, June 1978

**Mrs. Nettie Victoria Jones**, 101, one of Miller County’s oldest residents, died Wednesday, June 28, 1978, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucille Blankenship, Kaiser. She was born March 17, 1877, in Upper Clinch, Tenn., to James Ambrose and Mary D. (Wilcox) Kilgore. When she was five years old the family moved to Missouri.

March 31, 1898, she was married at Tuscumbia to John Wesley Jones who died Dec. 19, 1946. Mrs. Jones was a member of the Riverview Baptist Church and the Social Circle Club.


Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. George Cox and the Rev. Donald Reed officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, March 1982

**Thomas Ildia Stokes**, 82, of Clinton, died Friday, March 12, 1982, at a hospital in Clinton. He was born May 20, 1899, in Maries County, the son of Wilford and Myra Ellen (Helton) Stokes.

Mr. Stokes was a farmer and a retired mail carrier. He was a member of the Christian Church of Clinton. He was married to Edna Burnham, March 29, 1917, at the bride’s home in Maries County. She survives at the home in Clinton.

Other survivors include: three sons, Thomas R. Stokes, Council Bluffs, Ia., Vernarad S. Stokes, Alta, Ia., and Darwin E. Stokes, Omaha, Neb.; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Letha Edwards, Tuscumbia. One grandchild and a sister, Mrs. Walter (Oma) Graves, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 16, at the Christian Church in Clinton with burial following there. Those from this area attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Graves and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Helton, Tuscumbia, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graves, Iberia.

Unknown Publication, November 1981


Funeral services for Mrs. Otto will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Bruce Funeral Home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, with burial in Sedar Cemetery near Fort Dodge. Local arrangements are under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home.

She was born may 3, 1920, at Sumner to Lloyd and Georgianna Potter Oliver. May 31, 1946, she was married at Billings, Mont., to Walter Otto, who survives at the home.
Mrs. Otto lived in the Iberia-Tuscumbia area the past 24 years. She and her husband were owner-operators of the Melody Club for many years and operated Walt’s Trading Post in recent years.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Otto leaves her mother, Mrs. Georgianna McKaskey, Ontario, Calif.; and a sister, Mrs. Marjorie Fassett, Ontario, Calif.

Unknown Publication, October 1974

Funeral services for Alex A. Robinett, 62, Ulman, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rodden Church of Christ, near Brumley, Mr. Robinett died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1974, at the home of a brother in Kansas City. He was born Dec. 20, 1911, near Brumley to Herman A. and Cynthia C. Rodden Robinett.

Mr. Robinett was a farmer and carpenter in the Miller County area. He was a member of the Rodden Church of Christ and of the Brumley Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include: three brothers, Omer Robinett, Ulman, Edgar Robinett, Tebbetts, and Dr. Wade Robinett, Kansas City; three sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Cannon, Holiday, Kan., Mrs. Ed—Boles, Kansas City, and Mrs. ____ --terson, W____ and several nieces and nephews.

Masonic rites will be held at Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday). The Rev. Farris Wall will officiate at the services Friday with burial in the Rodden Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home. Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Unknown Publication, February 1980

Ted Stamper, 74, Brumley, a former collector of revenue for Miller County, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 1980, at a Jefferson City hospital. He was born June 3, 1905, at Brinktown to Dallas and Eva Stamper. On Dec. 5, 1930, he was married to Bethel Robinson, who survives.

From 1942 until 1946, Mr. Stamper served as county collector. In 1932 he owned and operated an electric power plant at Brumley and had worked as an electrician. He also had operated Stamper Cedarcraft and a garage at Brumley. He was a lifetime resident of Brumley and was a charter member of the Brumley Masonic Lodge and was a member of the Brumley Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Luane Blacha, Imperial; a brother, Ferrell Stamper, Stoutland; four sisters, Mrs. Gladys LaGrange, Mrs. Georgia Mantych, Mrs. Claudia Morse and Mrs. Jerry Wilson, all of the St. Louis area; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, a brother, and a son, J.D. Stamper, who died March 4, 1972.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Bill Rosen officiating. Burial was in Gott Cemetery. The Iberia Masonic Lodge 410 performed Masonic services at 7 p.m. Monday at Hedges Funeral Home in Brumley.

Unknown Publication, July 1986

Services for Ruby Pauline Kemp, 52, of Mexico, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia. The Rev. Marvin Jones will officiate. Burial will be in Jackson Cemetery in nearby Ulman. Visitation will be from 3-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kemp died Tuesday at her home. She was born Dec. 4, 1933, in Ulman to Arthur and Minnie Witt Jenkins. On April 2, 1955, she married Floyd Thomas Kemp, who survives at the home.

Other survivors include three sons, Daniel, of Mexico and William and Jerry, both of Columbia; one daughter, Nora Sue McCann of Napton; three brothers, Oliver Jenkins of Downing, Calif., Gene Jenkins of Whittier, Calif., and Curtis Jenkins of Rush Hill; five sisters, Ethel Wertz of Downing, Calif., Eunice Ogilbee and Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, both of Tuscmibia,
Helen Martin of Hartsburg, and Tracy Wilms of Los Angeles; three grandchildren and five step-grandchildren. Mrs. Kemp was preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Kemp, who moved to the Mexico area in 1955, was a homemaker and a member of the Friendship Baptist Church.

Obituary, mid-Missouri newspaper - 1971
Funeral services will be held Saturday in Eldon for Chester Samuel Apperson, a retired Rock Island Railroad conductor. Mr. Apperson, 71, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack Wednesday evening, June 9, 1971, at his home, 201 E. 15th St., Eldon. He was born May 16, 1900 at Aurora Springs, the son of Samuel Jasper and Hannah Minervia (Grayum) Apperson. He was married April 10, 1925 to Edna Smith who survives at the home.

Also surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Blanche Opie and Betty Apperson of Eldon; Mrs. Ruth Brown of Bridgeton, and Mrs. Barbara Rackers of Jefferson City; three sons, Carl Apperson of Pekin, Ill.; Howard Apperson of Jefferson City and Gordon Apperson of Independence; and 10 grandchildren. Mr. Apperson retired from railroading in 1961.

The Rev. A. L. Alexander will officiate at the services Saturday afternoon at Phillips Chapel. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens.

Unknown newspaper, unknown date
Mabel B. Hensley, 78, Rte 1, Meta, passed away Saturday, June 7, 1975 at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mrs. Hensley was born April 13, 1897 near St. Elizabeth, the daughter of James and Ida DeAtley Clark. She was united in marriage on March 28, 1920 to Harvey J. Hensley, who preceded her in death on Oct 15, 1973.

Mrs. Hensley lived all her life in the Meta and St. Elizabeth areas. She taught school at Fairview School near Iberia and a nurse’s aide at Fort Leonard Wood until 1945.

Mrs. Hensley had been a member of the Humphrey’s Creek Christian Church since about 1912, was a charter member of the Fort Leonard Wood Eastern Star and a member of Iberia Eastern Star Chapter 537 where she was a 25 year member, and an American Legion Auxiliary member in St. Elizabeth.

Surviving are two sons, Warren C. Hensley of St. Louis and James T. Hensley, Jefferson City; a sister Mrs. Maude I. Grady, Iberia; two grandchildren Mrs. Madelen and James T. Hensley Jr. and two great-grandchildren, Michelle Madelen and Kristin Madelen.

Eastern Star services were held at 8 p.m. Monday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia by Iberia Chapter 537. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Wade Hensley, Wayne Hensley, Jasper Hensley, Sterling Cross, Gene Johnson and Fremont Shackleford.

Unknown newspaper, unknown date
John D. Hensley, 85, Tuscumbia, died Monday morning at the Miller County Nursing Home near Tuscumbia. Mr. Hensley was born Jan 4, 1890 near Iberia to Thomas J. and Arvazena Jarrett Hensley. He was married Aug 26 1918 to Mae Berry who survives.

A member of the Mt. View Church of Christ, Mr. Hensley worked for a trucking company and auto assembly plant in Kansas City before retiring to Tuscumbia.

Other survivors include one son, John D. Hensley, Jr., Somerville, N.J.; one daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Byrd, Waynesboro, Va.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Brother Charles Lamb will officiate at services which will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia. Mr. Hensley will be buried at the Jarrett Cemetery.
Mrs. Belle Lamb, 94, Iberia, died in her home Thursday morning after a lengthy illness. She was born March 4, 1883, near Iberia, in Miller County, the daughter of Joseph T. and Tabitha E. Jarrett Hensley. She married Joseph Mitchell "Doc" Lamb on April 22, 1899. He died May 23, 1959.

Mrs. Lamb was an active member of the Mt. View Church of Christ for 66 years and a life-time resident of the Tuscumbia-Iberia area.

Survivors include: three sons, Kellis Lamb, Crocker, Charles Lamb, Crocker, Jack Lamb, St. Louis; two daughter, Mrs. Gladys Kraml, Iberia and Mrs. Jean Fancher, Lemay; 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mt. View Church of Christ with Brother William J. Hensley officiating. Burial will be at the Hickory Point Cemetery near Iberia.

Jefferson City News-Tribune
Barney J. Blankenship, 61, of Iberia, died Sunday morning at Lohman. Mr. Blankenship was born May 2, 1913 at Hickory Point, the son of John and Emma Hensley Blankenship. He was never married. He was a World War II veteran and member of the Hickory Point Baptist Church.

Mr. Blankenship had served as a cook’s assistant at two Lake Ozark resorts and at Fort Leonard Wood. He was a member of the Miller County Fox Hunters Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 6167, Iberia.

Survivors include: Two brothers, Ora Blankenship, Iberia, and Loyd Blankenship, Cerritos, Calif. and two sisters, Mrs. Isa Hopkins and Mrs. Ruby Ponder, both of Iberia.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at the Stevinson Funeral Chapel, Iberia, with the Rev. Perry Wolfe and the Rev. Sam Allen officiating. Burial will be in the Iberia Cemetery.

Unknown Newspaper, unknown date
Mrs. Amanda Margaret Hensley, 99, of Iberia, died Thursday May 5, 1977 at her home. Mrs. Hensley was born Dec 22, 1877 in Iberia the daughter of Harvey and Sarah Ann (Smith) Sooter. She was married in a ceremony performed by the Rev. H.V. Sooter, near Iberia to John C. Hensley, who preceded her in death in 1951. Mrs. Hensley lived all of her life on a farm near Iberia. She was a member of the Christian New Light Church of Iberia.

Surviving are three sons, Colmer Hensley and Arkley Henslery, both of Iberia and Otho Hensley of Troy, Ill.; four daughters, Eska Hensley of the Home, Lena Scarborough and Gladys Johnson, both of Granite City, Ill., and Olive Hensley of Normandy, Mo.; 21 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 28 great-great grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; one daughter in infancy; one son, Willford Hensley; two brothers, Ned and Charlie Sooter, and two sisters, Louise Shelton and Nettie Renfrow.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Brays Advent Christian Church with the Rev. Menzo Sooter and the Rev. Everett Ransom officiating. Interment was in the Union Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Wendell Hensley, Junior Hensley, Gerald Hensley, Jim Scarborough, Tom Piggott, and Paul Johnson.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, February 2009
Thomas "Tom" G. Boatner, Sr., age 71, of Barnett, died Saturday, February 7, 2009, at his home. He was born in Vaughn, Mississippi on November 19, 1937, a son of the late Henry Clyde and Grace (Malone) Boatner.

He was united in marriage to Tommy Tracy Jones, who preceded him in death in 2001. Tom was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict from 1955-1963.

Those who survive him include: one son, Robert Boatner and wife Rita of Laurie; one daughter, Dawn Williams and husband Jim of Barnett; five grandchildren, Beth Williams, Nick
Visitation will be from 5-6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, with a memorial service immediately following at 6:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Pastor Clyde Leonard and Pastor Glenn Golden will officiate. Military honors will be provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442. Memorial contributions are suggested to American Cancer Society or the Thomas G. Boatner Memorial Fund.

Dorsie Mae Huddleston, age 77, of Brumley, passed away, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born in Brumley on March 24, 1931, daughter of Fred and Parthena (Luttrell) Witt. On January 21, 1955, in Iberia, Dorsie married Donald Carroll Huddleston, who survives at the home.

Dorsie was a loving and caring sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. She was completely and selflessly devoted to her family and her faith.

She is also survived by two sons, Greg and wife Debby of Brumley and David and wife Lisa of Mt. Pleasant; two daughters, Susan Ladd and husband Tom and Karen Landreth and husband James, all of Brumley; and two sister-in-laws, Gertie Witt and Geraldine Witt, both of Brumley. Dorsie is also survived by numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Doral Witt and Donnie Witt; and one grandchild, Jessica Landreth.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Charlie Caldwell will officiate. Interment will be in Hawkins Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hawkins Cemetery.

Bernice Davis, 86, of Eldon, Missouri went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on February 10, 2009 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home of Versailles, Missouri. On October 18, 1922 she was born in Ripley, Mississippi to the late Esker Lamar and Mary Lilia (Latham) Childers. On October 3, 1953 she was married in Ripley, Mississippi to Finis Glynn Davis who preceded her in death on September 24, 1983.

Left to mourn her passing are her children Alton & Becky Davis of Kechi, Kansas, Brenda Brotherton of Versailles, Missouri; four grandchildren, Brandi & Jadon Brotherton, and Jennifer Brotherton; four great-grandchildren, Adara, Joshua, Chloe, and James Brotherton.

She grew up in Ripley, Mississippi. She graduated from Buena Vista High School. She then attended a woman’s college after high school. Bernice taught for a few years. After her marriage to Finis Glynn Davis and the birth of her two children, the family owned Gaberial’s Pizza at the Lake of the Ozarks. She later worked at Grandma’s Candy Kitchen. She loved to be around people, and enjoyed family and friends. Bernice was a member of the Ninth Street Christian Church of Eldon, MO. She accepted Jesus as her Savior as a child.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, sisters, Delco, Sallie Lee, La Vera & Gladys, brothers Bill & Edward, and son in law, Clark Brotherton.

Visitation will be at Phillips Funeral Home Friday Feb. 13, 2009 4:00-7:00 p.m., Ninth Street Christian Church Saturday Feb. 14, 2009 1:30-2:30 p.m. with the funeral service to follow. Officiating will be Chris Reynolds, Minister. Interment will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens Barnett, MO Saturday Feb. 14, 2009. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Ninth Street Christian Church.
Obituary, mid-Missouri newspaper, 1974:

**Brice Albertson**, 56, of the Mt. Pleasant community, died Monday March 25, 1974, at his home. He was a lifelong resident of the area. Mr. Albertson was born Oct. 4, 1917 at Etterville, to Charles H. and Ida Belle (Buster) Albertson. He was married Nov. 26, 1938, to the former Miss Maxine Bond, who survives. He was a veteran of the Army in World War II and a member of the Eugene Christian Church.

Survivors include, three daughters, Mrs. Duaine (Billie) Kallenbach, Warrenton; Mrs. Duane (Patricia) Rose, Mokane and Mrs. Gary (Charlene) Brumley, Eldon; and five grandchildren. Mr. Albertson was preceded in death by one sister.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Lewis officiating. Burial was in the Eugene Cemetery.

Obituary, mid-Missouri newspaper, Thursday, April 27, 1972

**James Melvin Alder**, who died at the General Leonard Wood Hospital at Fort Leonard Wood. He was born in Kentucky on Nov. 8, 1918, but lived most of his youth in St. Louis and Granite City, Ill.

He was a retired sergeant of the United States Army and served in World War II and Korea with the sixth Infantry Division and was a member of the VFW. He was married to Anabel (nee Brister) Alder of Leesville, La., in March 1954.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Ronnie of California; one stepson, Edmond LaCaze, Jr., Leesville, La.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert (Shaunda) Andrews who is now living in Iraq; a foster daughter, Mrs. Christine Miley, Waynesville; one sister, Mrs. Beatrice Jacko, St. Louis; two half-sisters of Kentucky, nine grandchildren and many other relatives, most of them residing in Kentucky.

VFW memorial services were held at the Driegshouser's Mortuaries on South Side. Funeral services were at the same place and burial was at the Jefferson Memorial Barracks Cemetery with full military rites at the graveside.

Sgt. and Mrs. Alder lived near Iberia for several years before moving to Louisiana. Among the pallbearers were two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hicks of Florissant.

Obituary, 1975, mid-Missouri newspaper

**Mrs. Annie L. Bacon**, 49, of Lakewood, Colo. died Thursday (27 Feb 1975) at a Denver hospital. She was a former resident of Eldon. She was born June 30, 1925, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones. On Feb. 24, 1946, she was married to Grant Bacon who died Sept. 2, 1958.

Survivors include; One daughter, Mrs. Gloria Ohrns, Lakewood, Colo.; one son, Grant Bacon, Lakewood, Colo.; one brother James Jones, Dallas, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Wanda Farris, state of Louisiana; and one grandson. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Services are scheduled for Monday at the Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Eldon, with Rev. Don Wainright officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Eldon.

Obituary, 1975, mid-Missouri newspaper

**Justin Contant (J.C.) Bonnot**, 68, Rocky Mount Star Route, Eldon, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1982, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mr. Bonnot was a well-known contractor and stock farmer in Miller County.

He was born Feb. 26, 1913, at Bonnots Mill to Eugene and Mytrle Marie Hunter Bonnot. On Feb. 17, 1940 He was married at Tusculumbia to Evelyn Wyrick, who survives at the home.

Mr. Bonnot was owner of Bonnot Construction Co. and Bonnot’s Polled Hereford Farms at Ulman. He was a member of Carpenters Union 945, the Tusculumbia Lions Club and the Barnett Baptist Chapel, where he also was a deacon. Mr. Bonnot was a former member and
deacon at the Ulman Baptist Church and had served on both the Ulman and Miller County school boards.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his step-mother, Mrs. Mae Bonnot, Wichita Falls, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. Billie Pittrick, Eldon, Mrs. Betty Kuster, Columbia, and Mrs. Cathy Sanning, Jefferson City; two sons, Harold Bonnot, Ulman, and J.C. Bonnot, Eldon; a sister, Mrs. Ester DeBirne, Jefferson City; two brothers, Cecil Bonnot, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Eugene Bonnot, serving with the U.S. Navy at Jacksonville, Fla.; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Barnett Chapel with burial in Greenmore Memorial Gardens under the direction of Griswold-Kays Funeral Home of Eldon. The Rev. Tommy Bunch and the Rev. Jim Vest will officiate. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday.

Mrs. Mildred Adcock Smith, 70, died Feb. 4, 1982, in St. John’s Hospital, St. Louis, after a lingering illness. She was the daughter of the late S.A. (Sam) Adcock, and Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie Bear) Adcock.

She was the sister of Ross and Garland Adcock, Tuscumbia, and the late Raymond Adcock, Owensville; the wife of Harvey Smith, Chesterfield; the mother of the late Jyce (Smith) Jones, Tampa, Fla. And Phillip Smith, Sherman. She is also survived by four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 1981.

Services were at the Ascension Church, Chesterfield, on Feb. ____. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Shrewsbury.

Unknown Publication, January 1979

Mrs. Frona Pierce, 89, of 333 W. Third ST., Eldon, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 1979, at her home. She was born Oct. 27, 1889, to Thomas and Fannie Wyrick Stark. May 12, 1907, she was married at Tuscumbia to James Walker Pierce. He died June 2, 1960.

Mrs. Pierce spent all of her life in Miller County. She was a member of the Oak Street Church of Christ in Eldon.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. May Pauk, Marthasville, and Mrs. Elsie Ekstram, Eugene; two sons, Sam Pierce, Independence, and Joe Pierce, Sugar Creek; a brother, Jesse Stark, Tuscumbia; and eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Griswold-Kays Funeral Home with Bro. Danny Fox officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Iberia Special-- Mrs. Mary Alma Spearman, 65, Iberia died Sunday (3 Aug 1958) at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City where she had been a patient for 10 days. Born April 27, 1893, she was married Oct 9, 1915 to William P. Spearman, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Jack, Hal and George Spearman, Iberia and Perry Spearman, Muncie, Kansas; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Livingston, Iberia, three brothers, John and Gordon Ponder, Iberia and Perry Ponder, California state; 10 grand-children and three great-grandchildren.

Note: daughter of George Washington Ponder and Hepsybeth Stone Ponder

Jefferson City News Tribune, September 7 1958

SERVICES SET TODAY FOR GRANT BACON.

Grant Bacon, 35, brother of Miss Helen Bacon and Miller Bacon of Jefferson City died Tuesday at his home in Houston, Texas after an illness of three months. Mr. Bacon was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Bacon. He formerly lived at Eldon. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Jessie Bacon.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Christian Church
Jefferson City News Tribune, July 6, 1969

Thomas M. Pogue, 79, of Olean died Friday at his home, (4 July 1969). Mr. Pogue was married to Emma Mooney on August 2 1919 in Eminence. She survives.

He was a veteran of World War 1. He had lived in Olean since 1946 and was a retired farmer.

Surviving in addition to his wife, include five daughters, Mrs. Bessie Taylor, Moberly, Mrs. Beulah Thorson, New Franklin, Mrs. Dale Gray, Eureka, Mrs. Lucille Tipton, Olean and Mrs. Alta Swofford, St., Louis; four sons, Ben Pogue, Salem, Amos and Merle Pogue, Olean, and Cecil Pogue, Boonville; two sisters, Mrs. Louisa Copeland, St. Louis, and Mrs. Myrtle Warren, Vida; 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, with the Rev. C. R. Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in the Olean Cemetery.

Jefferson City News Tribune, September 1958

Hansford Owens Burks, 82, of 1186 Jefferson Street died at the University Hospital in Columbia late Monday (15 September 1958) following an illness of two months.

Mr. Burks was born January 7, 1876 near Iberia,, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Owens Burks. He was married to Miss Florence Chandler August 19, 1900 in what was then the Indian territory, Oklahoma. Mrs Burks died 12 Dec 1952.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. J. J. McComb of Kansas City, Miss Clara Burks of Jefferson City, Mrs. Claude Hale of Mission, Kansas, and Mrs. Harold Sundermeyer of Holts Summit, and two sons, Jason C. Burks of Amarillo, Texas and Samuel O. Burks of Kansas City, Kansas. There are 10 grand children and 11 great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Minnie Enderson of St. Louis, and one brother, Evan Burks of Kansas City.

Mr. Burks was a member of the Royal Neighbors and active in church work with the Memorial Baptist Church in Jefferson City. He had lived here for the past six years and prior to that had resided at Henley where he was postmaster from 1911 to 1932.

Prayer services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at a local funeral home, with funeral services at 2 p.m. at Spring Valley Baptist Church, Rev. Walter P. Arnold and the Rev. B. F. Dinwiddie officiating. Burial will be in the Eugene Cemetery.

mid-Missouri newspaper, December 1974

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Hagenhoff, age 70 years, of St. Elizabeth, Missouri, passed away Thursday, December 5, 1974 at her home. Mrs. Hagenhoff was born Nov. 28, 1904, in Miller County near St. Elizabeth, the daughter of Conrad and Barbara Weidinger Bax. She was united in marriage on May 14, 1929, in St. Elizabeth to Adolph Hagenhoff who survives of the home.

Mrs. Hagenhoff lived all of her life in Miller County, Missouri with the exception of a few months when she lived in Maries County. She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and the St. Ann's Sodality.

Other survivors include: three daughters - Mrs. Barbara Horstdaniel and Mrs. Mary Ann Siebeneck, both of Jefferson City; and Mrs. Veronica Holtmeyer of Iberia; two sons - Roman Hagenhoff of Jefferson City and Herman Hagenhoff of St. Elizabeth. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Cecelia Rehagen of Westphalia; one half-sister, Mrs. Catherine Kern of Meta; two brothers, Al Bax of Meta, Henry Bax of Dixon, and one half-brother, Lawrence Kirkweg of St. Elizabeth; and 9 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday Dec. 9 at the St. Lawrence Catholic church. Interment was in the St. Lawrence Cemetery. Pallbearers were Danny Bax, Elmer Bax, Charles Bax, Daniel Hagenhoff, Dennis Hagenhoff and David Hagenhoff."
Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Riverview Baptist Church for Louie Lonzo DeGraffenreid, 72, Rte. 1, Brumley. Mr. DeGraffenreid, a farmer and stockman, died unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 7, 1972, of an apparent heart attack at his home on Bear Creek.

He was born July 31, 1899 in Camden County, the son of the late George Riley and Cordelia Frances (Huddleston) DeGraffenreid.

He was married March 23, 1920 to Cora Barnett. She died Nov. 12 1956. On June 18, 1964 he was married to Mary S. Rolfe who survives t the home.

Also surviving are two sons, Tennyson DeGraffenreid of Lake Ozark and John DeGraffenreid of Brumley; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Rutter of Burlington, Colo., and Mrs. Katherine Powell of Florissant; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one step daughter, Mrs. Lou Ann Hallenberg of Bridgeport; one stepson, George Hickman of Alexandria, Va.; seven stepgrandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Oma Kidwell and Miss Noma Ann DeGraffenreid, both of Kaiser.

Mr. DeGraffenreid, a lifelong resident of this area, was a member of Riverview Baptist Church.

The Rev. George Cox, pastor, officiated at the services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial was in Boltz Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Pallbearers were Mack Brown, Jim Blankenship, James W. M. Berry, Harold Bechtold, Roy Cro—ell, and Claudius Shockley. Honorary pallbearers were Johnnie George, A.D. Cox, G. – Bond, Al Meier, Glen Lond—and M.S. Ormond.

Perry F. Myers, 72, of Ulman died Thursday, March 21, 1974 at the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rogers and family, 1010 McKinley Dr., Eldon. Mr. Myers was born Nov. 22, 1901 in Miller County near Ulman, the son of the late William M. and Martha L. (Pierce) Myers. He was married on Oct. 8, 1943 in Seattle, Wash., to Sophia Lada, who preceded him in death on Aug. 26, 1969.

Mr. Myers graduated from the Iberia Academy in 1924 and was in St. Louis until 1939. HE was a longshoreman in Seattle, Wash., from 1939-1961, at which time he retired and moved back to his farm home near Ulman. Mr. Myers was a member of the Mt. View Church of Christ and of Local 506 in Seattle.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Mary) Rogers of Eldon, and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Gunn of Eldon; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with Bro. James Baysinger officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Point Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Myers, Don Myers, Bill Myers, Guy Hix, Jack Jones and Robert Myers.

Roy H. Perkins, 74, of Iberia, died March 25 at Memorial Hospital in Jefferson City. He was born July 12, 1897, at Iberia, the son of Melvin and Addaline (Cross) Perkins. He received his early education in and around Iberia. When World War I broke out, he served in the armed forces. When he came home from the service, he married Mae Mace, Oct. 10, 1920, in Iberia. She survives him.

Roy and Mae moved to Eugene in 1921 where he farmed and raised livestock with one of his brothers. In 1922 he moved to St. Louis and worked for United Railways 12 years. In 1936 Roy and Mae moved back to Iberia and lived on a farm. During this time for the next eight years he also worked as a sanitation engineer at Ft. Wood. In 1950 he was employed by the Missouri State Board of Health as a sanitary inspector and his work took him to St. Louis County, Potosi, Lebanon and Buffalo. He retired from active duty Jan. 1, 1963, and returned to Iberia.
He was a member of the United Church of Christ (Congregational-Christian) in Iberia, a veteran of World War I, Iberia Lodge AF & AM, the Iberia Saddle Club, American Legion Post 105 in Iberia and Miller County Barracks 1442 in Tuscumbia. He served his church as church school superintendent for 32 years, probably missing fewer Sundays during that whole span of time than one has fingers on his hand.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Clay, June 9, 1968, and William, in infancy. Other survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Kirby (Bonnie) Brown, Kirkwood; two granddaughters, Rebecca and Jennifer Brown, Kirkwood; three brothers, Willard and Arthur, Iberia, and Albert, St. Louis.

Funeral services for Roy were held March 27, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational-Christian) in Iberia with the Rev. Earl Basil Brown officiating. Masonic services were held the preceding Sunday evening at the Stevinson Chapel with members of the Iberia Masonic Lodge attending and Senator James Noland of Osage Beach, Mo., officiating. Mason Eugene Keeth pronounced the fraternal prayers of invocation and benediction. The Ft.Wood Mortuary Team performed graveside rites. Pallbearers were Joe Miller, Bob Perkins, Steve Perkins, Joe Novak, Seigal Humphrey and Virgil Perkins.

Unknown Publication, December 1977

Clarice Perkins, 74, Iberia, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 1977, at her home. Mrs. Perkins was born Aug. 6, 1903, near Iberia, in Miller County, the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Rose (Shackleford) Gardner. She was united in marriage on September 29, 1923, at the Miller County Courthouse in Tuscumbia, by Judge Edwards, to Arthur Hobert Perkins, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Perkins lived all her life in Miller County except for three years when she lived in St. Louis. She was a graduate of the Iberia Academy and taught school at Rabbit Head School and Berry School. Mrs. Perkins was a member of the New Light Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Abraham, in 1939; her mother, Sarah Rose in 1965; one daughter, Beatrice Marie, at age 9 in 1934; and one brother, Clifton Gardner, in 1963.

Surviving, other than her husband, are: one daughter, Mrs. Juanita K. Novak of Liberty; and one sister, Mrs. Nora Atwell of Iberia, Mo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with the Rev. Earl Brown, Rev. Virgil Gardner and Rev. James Hill officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Dennis Perkins, Steve Perkins, Bert Clark, Barney Hutsler, Leslie Atwell and Bob Lilly.

Unknown Publication, November 1972

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Crocker Christian Church for Curtis Gene Hendricks, 62, of Crocker, a native of Miller County. Mr. Hendricks died Thursday, Nov. 30, 1972, at the Pulaski County Hospital in Waynesville.

Mr. Hendricks was a Civil Service employee at Fort Leonard Wood. He was a member of the Crocker Christian Church.

He was born in this county March 30, 1922, the son of (Joseph) Mitchell and Maude Hendricks. On Oct. 30, 1940, he was married to Gertrude Curry who survives.

Mr. Hendricks also leaves a son, Ronald Hendricks, of Crocker; a daughter, Donna Kay Hendricks of the home; two brothers, Alton Hendricks of Olean and Archie Hendricks of Sterling, Colo.; two sisters, Mrs. Letha Thompson of Kansas City and Mrs. Russell Myers of Ulman; and two grandchildren.

The Rev. Floyd Barlow and the Rev. Walter Hinten officiated at the services at 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial was in Crocker Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Moss-Williams Funeral Home of Crocker.
Brent E. Keyes, 70, a former judge on the Miller County Court, died Friday, Oct. 13, 1972, at his home in Iberia. Mr. Keyes was born Aug. 17, 1902 in Miller County near Ulman, the son of Edward F. and Laura (Wall) Keyes. He was married Aug. 31, 1926, in Waynesville to Stella Ferguson, who survives.

Mr. Keyes had lived in Pulaski and Miller County most of his life and had been an Iberia resident since 1940. He was a farmer and hauled livestock, and at the time of his death was owner and operator of Keyes Greenhouse in Iberia.

He served as second District judge on the Miller County Court in 1969-70. He had been a member of the United Methodist Church in Iberia since 1941.

Surviving, other than his wife, Stella, are one son, Neil Keyes of Westphalia; one daughter, Mrs. Lora Lee Bilderback of Florissant; two brothers, Otis Keyes of Springfield and Stanley Keyes of Adel, Ia.; two sisters, Mrs. Vera Van Luik of Columbia and Mrs. Edna Edminster of Walnut Creek, Calif., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Iberia with the Rev. Charles Miller officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Audrey Ferguson, Hunter Ferguson, Leslie Jones, Walter Snow, Vern Whittle and Bennie Campbell.

Curtis Lee Crismon, Sr., a former Eldon businessman, died last Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1972, in St. Joseph. Funeral services were held for Mr. Crismon at Phillips Chapel in Eldon at 2 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Walter Simpson and the Rev. Mark Sooter gave the services. Mr. Crismon owned and operated the Mobil Oil bulk plant in Eldon for 22 years before taking a position with Nickerson Farms in 1968.

Born July 23, 1922 at Tuscumbia to Elmer and Lois (McDonald) Crismon, Mr. Crismon had celebrated his 50th birthday less than a month before his death. His parents survive him at their home on Hwy. 87 near Eldon.

He was married to the former Jeanne Coffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Coffman of Eldon, in a ceremony in New York City April 10, 1943. Mrs. Crismon survives at the home in Columbia.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Eldon and a veteran of World War II. After selling his oil business in Eldon, Mr. Crismon and his family moved to Benton, Mo. in 1968. On July 13, 1972 they moved to Columbia.

At the time of his death Mr. Crismon was district supervisor of the North Central District of Henry’s Drive In, a division of Nickerson Farms. He was in St. Joseph on business.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Crismon is survived by a son, Curtis Lee Crismon, Jr. of the home and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary McDaniel, Jones Boarding Home. A daughter died in infancy Dec. 10, 1944.

Pallbearers, fellow employees, were H.B. Hart, Jr., Luther Henson, Gordon Camp, Ron Orcutt, Gene Burk and Dave Bywaters. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery. Memorial contributions were being made to the Miller County Heart Fund.

Funeral services for Mrs. Beatrice C. George, who died Thursday, Aug. 17, 1972, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon. Mrs. George, 77, died at her home on Rte. 1, Etterville. She was born Sept. 16, 1894 to Derric and Mary (McDowell) Jeffries. She was married Dec. 24, 1916 at Kaiser to Weaver F. George who died Jan. 29, 1939.

Mrs. George was a member of the Freedom Church of Christ. She moved to Etterville after Bagnell Dam was built, having lived in Zebra prior to that.

Surviving Mrs. George are: two daughters, Miss Faye George of the home and Mrs. Edna Howser, Etterville; two sons, Nelson George of the home and Russell George, Olean; three
sisters, Mrs. Gertie Snelling, Lake Ozark and Mrs. Nettie Kaiser and Mrs. Edna Snelling, both of Kaiser; and nine grandchildren. A son died in infancy.

Pallbearers were: Ed Renken, Almon Gattermeier, Roy Lane, Sam Crum, Joe Weaver and Alton Hendricks. Burial was in the New Hope Cemetery. The Rev. Gilbert Pearson officiated at the services.

Unknown Publication, February 1978

Barney Robert Dawson, 84, of 605 Vernon Drive, Eldon, died Monday, Feb. 6, 1978, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon.

Mr. Dawson was born Sept. 16, 1893, in Cole County to David and Lavina Berry Dawson. May 28, 1918, he was married at Ulman to Anna Barton, who survives.

For many years Mr. Dawson farmed near Ulman. He moved to Eldon 13 years ago when he retired. He was a member of the Eldon First Baptist Church and was a past member of Modern Woodmen.

In addition to his wife he leaves a son, Dr. J.W. Dawson, Eldon; two daughters, Mrs. James Marshall, Prairie Village, Kan., and Mrs. H.J. Graham, Jacksonville, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Herbert Hix, Ulman, Mrs. Jim Dickson, Jefferson City, and Mrs. John Coleman, Tucson, Ariz.; and eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Don Wainwright will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the Eldon Cemetery with grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, February 2009

Clyde Bond, 57, of Eugene, Missouri passed away Tuesday evening February 17, 2009 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was born in Jefferson City, Missouri on February 6, 1952 to the late Charles Henry and Maud (Brown) Bond, Sr. On June 26, 1971 he was married in Mary's Home, Missouri to Anna Lea (Rush) Bond who survives of the home.

Also surviving him are: his sons and daughters-in-law Brian and Kim Bond of Henley, Missouri, Billy & Patsy Bond of Tuscumbia, Missouri; four grandchildren Tyler, Zachary, Kayla, and Kyle Bond; brothers and sisters, Charles Bond, Jr. of Taos, Missouri, Roy Bond of Bethany, Missouri, Ralph Bond of Brazito, Missouri, Richard Bond of Brazito, Missouri, Barbara Bond of Jefferson City, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Geraldine Taylor.

He graduated from Eugene High School. He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary's Home, Missouri. He retired from Labor Local #662 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School. A rosary will be prayed for Clyde Friday evening February 20, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Phillips Funeral Home Chapel in Mary's Home, Missouri.

Unknown Publication, January 1976

Funeral services were held Saturday at Iberia for Harley G. Humphrey, 70, Rte. 1, Tuscumbia, who died suddenly Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, 1976, en route to the Lake of the Ozarks Clinic. He was born March 31, 1905 near Bray’s Mill and Iberia, the son of the late Francis M. and Mary (Morrow) Humphrey. On March 8, 1930, he was married in Houston, Mo., by Judge Johnson to Nova Bernice Martin who survives at the home.

Mr. Humphrey established Humphrey’s garage and service station at Harleytown between Tuscumbia and Iberia, retiring in 1960. At the time of his death he owned Humphrey’s Antiques between Tuscumbia and Iberia. He had also worked in St. Louis with Fischer Body and Munitions Plant, and had been a rural mail carrier from Iberia to Ulman.
Mr. Humphrey was a member of the New Light Christian Church in Iberia, and was a former member of Modern Woodmen of America. He was Democratic committeeman for Osage Township.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1936; his mother in 1960, and four brothers—Joe in infancy, Raymond in 1968, Jennings in 1971, and Woody in 1975.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three brothers, Ed Humphrey and Truman E. Humphrey, both of Iberia, and Archie W. Humphrey of Jefferson City; and two sisters, Mrs. Mable Edwards and Mrs. Erma Farnham both of Iberia.

The Rev. Earl Jones and the Rev. Gene Edwards officiated at the services at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia. Burial was in Union Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jim Martin, John Blize, Ronnie Rowden, Gene Curry, Mike Farnham and Harold Humphrey. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Carmack, Jim Crews, Frank Martin, Clyde Robinson, Virgil Roark, Hershel Wood, James Edwards, Terry Lane Humphrey, Marvin Patterson, James Thornsberry, Larry Farnham, Francis Humphrey, Jack Leach, John Woolery, and Bill Lawson.

Unknown Publication, March 1974

Tracy G. Luttrell, 12, injured when fire destroyed the family home at Ulman early last Thursday, died the next day, Friday, March 14, 1975, at the University Medical Center, Columbia. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Okle G. Luttrell, remain hospitalized at University Medical Center where Mr. Luttrell’s condition was reported as critical Thursday morning, and Mrs. Luttrell’s as fair.

The two daughters in the family, Debbie 17 and Dixie 16, were treated and released at Memorial Hospital, Jefferson City, following the fire.

Funeral services for Tracy were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Ulman Baptist Church with the Rev. Russell Hunt and Rev. Charles Cox officiating.

Tracy was born Jan. 30, 1963 in Kansas City, the son of Okle and Dean (Groce) Luttrell. In 1964 he moved with his family to Iberia where they lived until moving to Ulman in 1965.

He was a member of the Ulman Baptist Church having been baptized by the Rev. Mr. Cox. Tracy was in the fifth grade at Leland O. Mills Elementary School, Lake Ozark, and was in the fifth grade basketball team.

Surviving other than his parents and sisters, Debbie and Dixie, are his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Zilphia Luttrell of Brumley, and maternal grandparents, Lance and Bernice Groce of Iberia.

Burial was in the Hawkins Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Ovid Luttrell, Larry Groce, Harold Wall, Johnny Johnston, Terry Luttrell and Mike Luttrell.

Memorial contributions for the family may be made at the Bank of Tuscumbia.

Unknown Publication, May 1975

Okle Gene Luttrell of Ulman died at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Administration Hospital, Columbia, Monday evening, May 12, 1975, nearly two months after suffering severe burns when fire destroyed the family’s home on March 13.

Mr. Luttrell, a construction worker and farmer, observed his 42nd birthday on April 16. His death is the second in the family resulting from the tragic fire. The Luttrell’s son, Tracy G., 12, died at the University Medical Center, Columbia, on March 14.

Mrs. Luttrell, also injured in the fire, is now home from the hospital. The two daughters, Deborah and Dixie, escaped with less serious injuries and were treated and released at a Jefferson City hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Luttrell were held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Ulman Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Cox and the Rev. Russell Hunt officiating.
Military graveside rites were conducted at Hawkins Cemetery near Brumley under the auspices of the Iberia American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Mr. Luttrell was born near Brumley April 16, 1933, the son of Hamen and Zilphia (Rinehart) Luttrell. His mother survives at Brumley. On June 1, 1956, he was married to Melva Dean Groce in Iberia with the Rev. Ed Ritenhouse officiating. She survives at the home.

Mr. Luttrell was an Army veteran of service during the Korean War. He lived in Bonner Springs, Kan. from 1949 to 1956 when he moved back to Miller County, living in Iberia from June to August 1956. The Luttrelts then moved to their farm near Ulman. Mr. Luttrell was a member of the Ulman Baptist Church.

He had been employed with Howard Construction Co., in bridge work and was also a member of Union Local 662 of Jefferson City and of the School of the Osage Athletic Boosters Club.

In addition to his wife, Dean, and daughters, Deborah and Dixie, of the home, and his mother, Mrs. Zilphia Luttrell to Brumley, he is survived by seven brothers, Clint Luttrell of Edwardsville, Kan., Lynn Luttrell, Ovid Luttrell, Dean Luttrell and Donnie Luttrell, all of Brumley, Terry Luttrell of Montreal, and Mike Luttrell of Camdenton; and four sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Bowden of Brumley, and Mrs. Betty Johnston, Mrs. Sharon Durham and Mrs. Sally Durham, all of Stoutland.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Memorial contributions in the family’s name may be made at the Bank of Tuscumbia.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, September 1981

Mrs. Ida O. Parkhurst, 79, Eldon, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1981, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. She spent nearly her entire life in Miller County. She was born Nov. 23, 1901, at Tuscumbia to Hastings and Agnes Agnew Burks. In 1919 she was married at Tuscumbia to Robert Dell Parkhurst, who died March 2, 1958.

Mrs. Parkhurst was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

Survivors are, a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Hendricks, Eldon; three sons, James and Johnny Parkhurst, both of Eldon, and Bobby Parkhurst, Linn; a brother, Arthur Burks, Tuscumbia; two sisters, Mrs. Effie Abbott, Eldon, and Mrs. Mary Eichoff, Mexico, Mo.; and 15 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, September 1978

William Austin Burks, 63, Rte. 1, Tuscumbia, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 1978, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia. He was born March 26, 1915 in Miller County to John and Mazie (Fancher) Burks.

Oct. 4, 1943, he was married at Jefferson City to Ora Childers, who preceded him in death in April 1959. Mr. Burks was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jackie Surface, Holts Summit; three sons, James and Johnny Parkhurst, both of Eldon, and Bobby Parkhurst, Linn; a brother, Arthur Burks, Tuscumbia; two sisters, Mrs. Effie Abbott, Eldon, and Mrs. Mary Eichoff, Mexico, Mo.; and 15 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Stevinson Funeral Home in Iberia with Bro. Floyd Barlow officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Military graveside rites were performed by Iberia VFW Post 6167.

Unknown Publication, December 1983

Mrs. Dora M. Mayfield, 103, of Ulman died Sunday, Dec. 4, 1983, at Edwardsville Manor Nursing Home in Edwardsville, Ill. where she had been a resident for the past 11 years. She was born Sept 28, 1880, at Ulman to Charles P. and Nancy Bass Myers.
On Aug 12, 1898, she was married at Ulman to L.J. “Bud” Mayfield, who died July 18, 1957. She made her home at Ulman until moving to the nursing home.

Surviving her are two sons, Asa Mayfield of Eldon and Bert Mayfield of St. Louis; four daughters, Mrs. F.E. (Icie) Fendorf and Mrs. H.H. (Blanche) Haines, both of Kansas City, Kan., and Eileen Humphrey and Lois Adcock, both of Leawood, Kan.; and 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Cox officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, November 1975

Lifetime Miller County resident Churchill Oliver Wyrick, 70, Ulman, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1975, at his home. Funeral services for Mr. Wyrick were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mt. Zion Christian Church with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Mr. Wyrick was born April 7, 1905, at Tuscumbia to James Alvin and Sadie Vannetta Wyrick. In 1923 he was married to Mildred Beard. He later married Alice Vaughan and she survives.

He was a member of the Mt. Zion Church and of Modern Woodmen. He was engaged in farming.

Among survivors, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Dorothy Wyrick, Eldon, and Mrs. Karen Mackey, Rich Crest, Calif.; two sons, Donald Wyrick of Jefferson City and Kenneth Wyrick, Tuscumbia; a step-daughter, Rosalee Jeffries, Kansas City; two step-sons, Melvin Vaughan, Eldon and Roy Vaughan of the State of Oklahoma; six brothers, Gail, Calvin and Clint Wyrick of Tuscumbia; Ray Wyrick, Bad Axe, Mich., Clay Wyrick, Caro, Mich., and Clarence Wyrick, Modesto, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Ocra Adcock, Tuscumbia; and 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Unknown Publication, February 1973

Ora Wyrick, age 76 years, of Tuscumbia, Mo., passed away Tuesday, February 6, 1973 in the Windsor Estates Convalescent Home in Camdenton, Mo. Mr. Wyrick was born April 28, 1896, near Tuscumbia, Mo. in Miller County, the son of George and Ella (Johnson) Wyrick. He lived in Miller County in the Tuscumbia area most all of his life where he farmed.

Mr. Wyrick spent several years in Parker, Washington where he was a foreman for Ritchie and Gilbert Orchards. He served in the Army in World War I. Mr. Wyrick was a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church and a former member of the Tuscumbia American Legion and the High Point Baptist Church.

Surviving are: three daughters, Mrs. Janice Parish of Camdenton, Mo., Mrs. Ella Ray of Camdenton and Mrs. Joyce Phillips of Yakima, Wash.; two sons, Dale Wyrick of Yakima, Wash. And Bobby Wyrick of Iberia, Mo.; two brothers, Glen Wyrick of Eldon, Mo. and Norman Wyrick of Tuscumbia, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and Nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 1973 at the Mt. Zion Christian Church with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were: Robert Wyrick, Rex Wyrick, James Martin, Frank Martin, Herbert Martin and Pat Lewis.

Unknown Publication, February 1974

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Mary’s Home for William Benjamin Morgan, 71, who died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1974, at Boone County Hospital, Columbia. Mr. Morgan lived all his life in the Mary’s Home area. He was born in that community March 29, 1902, to Charles F. and Adeline Berendzen Morgan.
He was married Feb. 16, 1926, to the former Miss Louise Johanna Luechenotte, who survives at the home. He was a farmer and a member of the church.

In addition to his widow, Mr... (some copy missing here) Faye Kappel, West Lake Village, Calif., Mrs. Katie Leone, Malibu, Calif., Mrs. Glenda Pierce, Kansas City, and Mrs. Judy Thompson, St. Louis; two brothers, Fred Morgan, Eldon and Leonard Morgan, Eugene; a sister, Dora Ingram, Excelsior Springs; and 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Unknown Publication, February 1974

Longtime Eldon resident, Joseph Tolbert Howard, 74, of 308 N. Mill St., Eldon, died Friday, Feb 8, 1974, at Memorial Community Hospital, Jefferson City. Mr. Howard had been ill for several months.

Mr. Howard was born June 14, 1899, at Gladstone in Morgan County to Charles and Georgia Bond Howard. He was married April 4, 1923, at Versailles to the former Marble Wilson, who survives. They moved to Eldon in 1952.

From 1935 until his retirement Jan. 1, 1973, Mr. Howard was a mail carrier. He also was a member of the First Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Howard is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Logan (Maxine) Wolfe, Eldon, and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon, with the Rev. Walter D. Simpson officiating. Burial was in Greenmore Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dr. E.O. Shelton, F.B. Bowlin, Otto Wallace, Bryan Anderson, H.C. Adkinson and Tommy Cotton.

Unknown Publication, December 24, 1973

Otto Bismark Nixdorf, 64, a lifelong Tuscumbia area resident, died Monday Dec. 24, 1973, at Jones Boarding Home, Tuscumbia. Funeral services for Mr. Nixdorf will be held at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Phillips Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gene Edwards and the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating.

Mr. Nixdorf was born Aug 3, 1909, in Tuscumbia to Otto B. and Marandie (McDonald) Nixdorf. He was a member of the Mt. View Church of Christ. Before his retirement he had worked as a farm and construction laborer.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Irene Crismon, Eldon, Mrs. Minnie Smith, Grand Junction, Colo., Mrs. Alice Abbett, Tuscumbia, and Mrs. Helen Turner, Los Angeles; and two brothers, Charles Nixdorf, Iberia, and Ralph Nixdorf, Bell Flower, Calif. Two brothers, Toby Nixdorf and Monroe Nixdorf preceded him in death.

Jefferson City Post-Tribune Wednesday afternoon March 11, 1964

Funeral services for William Feltrop, 81, will be conducted by the Rev. J. W. Jawroski at Sacred Heart Church of Eldon at 10 a.m. Thursday. The Rosary will be recited at an Eldon funeral home at 8 p.m. today. Burial will be in the Jim Henry Cemetery near Eugene.

Mr. Feltrop, who died Tuesday, was born Aug. 10, 1882, in Holland, the son of Ben and Dena Holderman Feltrop. He moved to Cole County in 1890 and lived the rest of his life in mid-Missouri. He married the former Miss Dollie Williams on March 20, 1910, at Eugene, who survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Dean Berendzen, Kansas City; Mrs. Nellie Tellman, Eugene; Mrs. Lera Jean Rocky, Duncansville, Pa.; Mrs. Ellen Slicker, Wichita, Kan., and Miss Margaret Feltrop; three sons, Clifford Feltrop, Riverside, Calif.; Wilburn Feltrop, Walnut Grove, and William Feltrop Jr., Wichita, Kan.; one sister, Mrs. Anna Rugg, Kansas City; one brother, Albert Feltrop, Eldon, and 21 grandchildren.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, February 2009
**Jennie Lou LaBrue** died February 19, 2009 in Osage Beach, Missouri. She had been married almost 64 years to Verle J. LaBrue. Jennie would have been 85 on Sunday, February 22. She was born in Huntsville, Missouri to Mary Sue Shiflett and Everett Harrington Wadsworth and lived there until she was 5 when her family moved to Moberly where she graduated from high school. She attended the University of Missouri in Columbia where she received a B.S. in Education and a Masters in Special Education and was also a proud member of marching Mizzou and Alpha Delta Phi. On May 20, 1945, she married the love of her life, Verle J. LaBrue. She spent most of her life in the Columbia area teaching many students who still remember her today. She taught in Ashland, Midway, New Haven, and the Mid Missouri Mental Health Center for 12 1/2 years, and State School Number 8 for 3 years. Since 1980 she worked for the Parks and Recreation Department for Columbia where she organized bands to entertain as well as working at Paquin Towers. She was involved with the Missouri State Teachers Association, a member of the Eastern Star, and the older American club.

She is survived by her husband Verle J. LaBrue. A daughter, Verla Sue Harmston and her children and grandchildren, Heidi and Trent Cole, Madison, Spencer, Logan, Aiden, and Taryn, Holly and Mike Dunn, Kylene, Ryan, Danny, Nathan, and Jacob, Jared and Tsitsi Harmston, and Brenden. A son and his wife, Jerry Wadsworth and Isabella LaBrue and their children and grandchildren-Jeremiah LaBrue, Westen and Amber LaBrue, Tyler and Kylie, and Kyle and Cassandra LaBrue and Alexa. She was preceded in death by her parents and a beloved grandchild, Heather.

She loved helping and doing for others and will be fondly remembered by many. This summer she moved with her spouse to Osage Beach, Missouri to be closer to family and touched many lives in a positive way in her short time here. Every summer she would organize family vacations in their Winnebago. Her family was her top priority and she loved and will be missed by them all. NANA was special!!!!!

The services will be at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint on KK in Osage Beach on Tuesday February 24, 2009 where she was a member. A visitation will be held at 9:30AM with the service at 10:30AM. Interment will be held in Columbia, Missouri at 2:30PM in the Memorial Cemetery mausoleum. Memorials for Jennie are suggested to The American Heart Association or to the Donor’s Choice.

**Gary E. Westergaard**, age 68, of Olean, Missouri, died Thursday, February 19, 2009, at his home. He was born in Adair, Iowa on November 12, 1940, to the late Harry and Nona (Juhl) Westergaard. He was married on July 31, 1960, in Adair, Iowa, to Virginia Rose Hudson, who survives at the home.

Gary was a charter member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Adair, Iowa. He was a building contractor and raised cattle. He also enjoyed woodworking, farming and spending time with his family.

Others who survive him include: Three children, Ty Westergaard of Olean, Missouri, Becky Hayden and husband Clay of Olean, Missouri, and Lisa Westergaard of Kansas City, Missouri; one brother, Dean Westergaard and wife, Linda, of Adel, Iowa; one sister, Joyce Emgarten, of Adair, Iowa; four grandchildren, Chris Westergaard and Leslie, Jill and Jack Hayden, all of Olean, Missouri, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Russellville, Missouri. Rev. David Carlson will officiate. Interment will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri. Memorial contributions are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Missouri newspaper - 27 June 1974**
Funeral services for Mrs. Agatha F. Bax, 73, St. Elizabeth, Missouri, will be held Friday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth. Mrs. Bax died Tuesday June 25, 1974 at Charles E. Still Hospital, Jefferson City, Missouri. The rosary will be prayed for Mrs. Bax tonight (Thursday) at Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in St. Elizabeth.

She was born Jan. 4, 1901 near St. Elizabeth, to Henry and Mary Beautel Twehus. Dec. 31, 1918, she was married to Joseph A. Bax, who survives at the home. Mrs. Bax lived all of her life at St. Elizabeth. She had been a patient at Woodcrest Nursing Home, Jefferson City, since April 6, 1973.

Before her retirement, she worked at the Ball Factory in St. Thomas and the Meta Clothing Factory. Mrs. Bax was a member of the St. Lawrence church and the St. Ann Sodality. She was a past member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by 5 sons, Albert, Theodore, Norbert and Arlie Bax, all of St. Elizabeth, and Edward Bax of Manchester, Missouri; a daughter - Mrs. Mary Ann Bax of Afton; 2 brothers, Theodore Twehus of St. Elizabeth and William Twehus of Jefferson City.; 26 grandchildren and 5 step-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, William Bax in 1972, a sister, Mrs. Katherine Dickneite, and a brother, Joe Twehus, who died as a young boy.

Pall bearers were Donald Bax, Darrell Bax, Gerald Bax, Harold Brookes, Bernard Twehus and Dale Twehus. The Rev. Ferdinand Bonn will officiate at the services at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

mid-Missouri newspaper, 1974

Mrs. Alice V. Birdsong, 89, of Tuscumbia, died Tuesday afternoon at a nursing home in Tuscumbia. Mrs. Birdsong was born Oct. 31, 1884, near Branson, the daughter of Mike and Martha White Humphrey. On Feb. 7, 1901, she was married at Capps to John M. Birdsong, who died April 19, 1964. She had lived in Miller County since 1888. She was a member of Humphrey's Creek Christian Church near Tuscumbia.

Survivors include; four sons - Jasper Birdsong, Tuscumbia; Flavey Birdsong, Cullom, Ind.; George Birdsong and Ira Birdsong, both of Granite City, Ill.; four daughters - Mrs. Kancy Cross, Granite City, Ill.; Mrs. Martha Lee, Eldon; Mrs. Amy Wyrick and Mrs. Flossie Clark, both of Tuscumbia; 19 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday at the Humphrey's Creek Christian Church near Tuscumbia with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Burial will be in the Capps Cemetery. Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia, is in charge of arrangements.

mid-Missouri newspaper, 1974

Mrs. Gladys Margaret Belshe, 81, of Etterville, died today (May 22, 1974) at Charles E. Still Hospital due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident on May 9. She was born May 10, 1893, at Etterville, the daughter of Houston and Rebecca Haynes Bell. She was married on Dec. 11 1919, at Etterville, to Clarence Belshe, who died March 1, 1958. Mrs. Belshe was a member of the First Christian Church of Eldon and the Friendly Neighbors Extension Club, Eldon. She was also a member of the Town and Country Garden Club, Eldon. She was a life long resident of Etterville.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Meckie Bledsoe, Salem; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at the Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Eldon, with the Rev. Walter Simpson officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon Cemetery.

Jefferson City paper 12 Aug 1958
Iberia Special - Cordell Burnett, 79, a retired painter, died at his home here Monday (11 August 1958) after an illness of several months. He was the son of the late Allen and Pauline Burnett. In 1905 he married the former Miss Florence Starks who survives.

Funeral services will be in the Mount Zion Church, Tuscumbia, at 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Mark Sooter and the Rev. James Bade officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Other survivors include four sons, Truman Burnett of Granite City, Illinois, Lawrence Burnett of Salem, Mo.; William Burnett of Glen Carbon, Illinois; and Herbert Burnett of Iberia; two daughters Mrs. M. Bunda and Mrs. Jewell Humphrey, both of Granite city; three brothers, Claude Burnett of St. Louis; Harold Burnett and Ben Burnett, both of Granite City; three sisters, Mrs. Melinda Flaugher of Tuscumbia, Mrs. Stella Pendleton of Dixon and Mrs. Brooks Sooter of Springfield; nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Miller County Autogram - Undated

Funeral rites for Mrs. Joean Williams, who died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Edward Tellman of Spring Garden Friday, were held Sunday from the Baptist church there.

Mrs. Williams suffered a stroke seven weeks ago. She was a native of Miller County and formerly resided in the Gageville community. She was the mother of eleven children. Two of them and her husband preceded her in death.

She is survived by eight children, Mrs. Jennie Simshieser, Jefferson City; Robert Williams, San Francisco; Henry Williams, Salina Kansas; Mrs. Dolly Veltrop and Lennie Williams, Eldon; T.B. Williams, Pawnee City, Nebr.; Mrs. Emma Coe, Dasley, Nebr.; Mrs. Minnie Kimbal, Sask, Canada, and Mrs. Ada Morrow, Prairie Grove, Ark.

mid-Missouri newspaper

George Herman Berendzen, 78, of Mary's Home, died Tuesday (August 7, 1973) at Charles E. Still Hospital. He was born July 1895 in Mary's Home, the son of Benjamin and Nancy Golden Berendzen. He was married May 10, 1927 to Olivia Rose Tellman, who survives.

Mr. Berendzen was a life long resident of Mary's Home and a member of the Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church.

Other survivors include; two sons, Harry Berendzen Albuquerque, N.M.; Robert Berendzen, Ballwin; two daughters, Mary Berendzen, Mary's Home; Mrs. Susan Atkinson, Jefferson City; four brothers - Leo Berendzen, Independence; Fred Berendzen, Louie Berendzen and Emil Berendzen, all of Mary's Home; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Jenkins, Kirkwood; Mrs. Veronica Busheke, Jefferson City, and seven grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at the Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, with the Rev. Henry Reichert officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon is in charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication

John C. Hanks, 24, of Camdenton died Sunday at his home. He was born January 28, 1972, in Jefferson City to Lynn and Christine Deere Hanks. His father survives in Lake Ozark and his mother Christine Deere Gallatin, survives in Grandview.

Mr. Hanks attended California R-1 Schools where he was an honor student and excelled in baseball and football. The family moved to Rolla and later to Nixa where he graduated from high school in 1990. He was named all-conference in football his senior year and also was football homecoming king that year. He attended Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, majoring in economics and finance. He was a member of Delta Chi fraternity, serving as vice president in 1993. He was a member of the California Christian Church.
Surviving, in addition to his parents are a sister, Kelly Lynn Hanks of Lake Ozark; a half brother, A. J. Gallatin of Grandview; his paternal grandparents Roscoe and Jesse Hanks of Lake Ozark, and his maternal grandmother, Martha Deere, of Lake Ozark.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hedges Funeral Home in Osage Beach, with the Rev. Stan Duncan officiating. The body was cremated, with inurnment at the columbrian at Lake Memorial Cemetery in Osage Beach.

Unknown Publication, December 1996

Fred Lee Harrison, 92, of Latour, formerly of Eldon, died Monday, December 9, 1996, at Cass Medical Center in Harrisonville.

He was born February 25, 1904, in Miller County to John J and Armettie Matthews Harrison. On October 20, 1932, he was married at Warrensburg to Ruby Pearl Elliott, who died December 18, 1985. Mr. Harrison was a school teacher and farmer.

Surviving him are a son, Vernon Lee Harrison of Latour; and two sisters, Blanche Whittenberg and Nellie Workman, both of Eldon. One son, Elliott Harrison, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 12 at Rosehill Baptist Church. Burial was in the Rosehill Cemetery near Latour under the direction of Dickey Funeral Home in Garden City.

Unknown Publication, August 1996

J. W. "Jim" Harrison, 67, of Henley died Thursday, August 15, 1996, at Villa Marie Skilled Nursing Facility. He was born July 26, 1929 in Eldon to William and Stella Roark Harrison. On July 12, 1989, he was married in Wertsburg, Tennessee, to Ellen Harmon, who survives the home.

Mrs. Harrison had worked on cattle ranches most of his life, prior to retirement.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Robert Harrison of Chicago, Illinois, Joseph Richard Harrison of Eldon and James W Harrison of Cape Girardeau; a daughter, Diane Harrison of the state of California, four grandchildren; two brothers, Harvey Harrison of Ivy Bend near Stover and John Harrison of Osceola, and three sisters, Ora Mae Waddell of Kansas City, Kansas, Cora Porter of Ivy Bend and Faye Newcome of Springfield.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Cellis Crum officiating. Burial was in Spring Garden Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, January 1906

Dr. A.P. Nixdorf, a resident of Pleasant Farm for many years, died at his home at that place at 6 o’clock last Saturday morning. He had been very ill for a week before, hence his death was not unexpected. He was buried Sunday afternoon at the family graveyard on the farm.

The deceased leaves a wife, five sons and four daughters, besides a very large circle of friends to mourn his death.

Dr. Nixdorf was 74 years and 13 days old. He was born in Leignitz Province of Selascia, Prussia, Jan. 14, 1832. His mother died soon after, leaving 5 small children. At an early age his father remarried and moved to Breslau, Prussia, where he reared his family.

He graduated at the University of Breslau with high honors, and then pursued the study of medicine. His studies were interrupted by having to serve one year in the military of Prussia. Some time thereafter, a young American who was studying law at the university, advised him to come to America.

He first located at Lennox, Mass., where he accepted a position as professor of the German language in a female college. He was thus engaged for more than a year when he came to St. Louis where he entered the St. Louis Medical College, meanwhile working as a billing clerk for a wholesale dry goods firm, graduating from his class of 1855-56.
After practicing there for some time, he came to Miller County, locating at Tuscumbia. He then purchased the Pleasant Farm land, residing there until his death.

While living in Tuscumbia, his was one of 21 votes recorded in Equality Township for Abraham Lincoln in 1856. He enlisted as a surgeon in the Home Guards and was later made surgeon of the Miller and Camden County Rangers, commanded by Capt Jont. Salsman. His wife was Miss Wilhelmina A.C. Moehle, who was born in Breslau, Prussia, in 1838, to whom 14 children were born, nine of whom are now living.

Unterrified Democrat, Nov. 1978

August S. Kemna, 82, St. Elizabeth, died Monday, Nov. 20, 1978 at his home. He was born Aug. 23, 1896 at St. Elizabeth, the son of Frank and Anna Heisler Kemna. On April 23, 1923, he was married at Meta to the former Miss Elizabeth Hasenbein, who survives.

Other survivors include: one son, Urban Kemna of St. Elizabeth; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth May of Akron, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilde of Tuscumbia; three grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth with Msgr. Gerald Poelker officiating. Burial was in parish cemetery.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, February 19, 2009

Linda Kay Ahart, 58, Eldon, MO, passed away Saturday, February 21, 2009, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. She was born June 29, 1950, in Junction City, Kansas to Elmer and Lucille Smithart Crider, who preceded her in death. She was married April 14, 1973, in Osage Beach to LeRoy Ahart who survives at the home.

Mrs. Ahart was a 1968 graduate of Manhattan (Kansas) High School. She was a member of the East Side Assembly of God Church in Eldon.

Also surviving are two daughters and their husbands, Letisha and Michael Brandt and Brandi and Matt Frey; two sons, Travis Richards and Sonny Richards both of Stoutland; twin sister, Lynn Kempkerof Eldon; and four grandchildren, Jasey, Dawson, Kierstin Brandt and Zoe Richards.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 2 p.m. at East Side Assembly of God Church in Eldon with sister Buena Huffman and the Rev. George Flora officiating. Burial was in Eldon Cemetery under the direction of Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Services, California, MO.

Unknown Publication, April 1976

Funeral services were held Saturday for Walter H. Graves, 69 of Tuscumbia who died Thursday, April 1, 1976, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City where he had been a patient since Tuesday, March 30. Mr. Graves was born July 16, 1906 near Ulman, the son of Alfred and Anna (Wolverton) Graves. He was married on Nov. 12, 1924 to Oma Arnina Stokes, who preceded him in death on May 2, 1974.

Mr. Graves lived in Clinton in the early 30’s, and moved to Brazito and later into Kansas City, Kan., where he lived from 1942 to 1945. In the spring of 1945 he moved back to Miller County where he farmed. He had worked on construction in Alaska and was a Tuscumbia mail carrier for six years.

He became a member of the Ulman Baptist Church as a small boy and later became a member of the Tuscumbia Baptist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Harry Graves of Kansas City, Wilford and Tom Graves, both of Iberia, and Raymond and Bill Graves, both of Tuscumbia; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Patterson of Ulman; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, at the Tuscumbia Baptist Church with the Rev. Russell Hyatt officiating. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery under the direction of the
Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Dan Graves, Harry J. Graves, Jr., Randy Graves, Mike Graves, John Graves and Monty Graves.

Unknown Publication, June 1975

**Charles P. Myers**, 63, died Saturday, June 14, while raking hay at his home near Ulman. Mr. Myers was born May 26, 1912 near Ulman in Miller County. He was the son of Asa and Carrie Jane (Patterson) Myers. He married Georgia Mary Slone on October 22, 1932, in Waynesville and she preceded him in death on November 28, 1967.

Mr. Myers lived in the Ulman area all his life where he was a farmer and a stockman. He had been a member of the Ulman Christian Church since June 7, 1942 and was a member of the Ulman Saddle Club.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Mary Martin of Warrensburg; two granddaughters, Pamela and Debora of Warrensburg, and one grandson Timothy of Warrensburg; two brothers, Ray Myers of Kansas City and Bill Myers of Ulman; two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Stout and Miss Kathleen Myers, both of Ulman.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, at the Ulman Christian Church with the Rev. Raymond Bond officiating. Interment was in the Hickory Point Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Active pallbearers were: Logan Stone, Tom Graves, Maurice Patterson, Marvin Patterson, Wade Hensley and Tennyson Patterson. Honorary pallbearers were Roger Eads, James Myers, Guy Hix, Jasper Hensley, Babe Patterson and Wayne Hensley.

Unknown Publication, March 1974

**Perry F. Myers**, age 72 years, of Ulman, Mo., passed away Thursday, March 21 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Rogers in Eldon, Mo. Mr. Myers was born November 22, 1901, in Miller County near Ulman, Mo., the son of William M. and Martha L. (Pierce) Myers. He was united in marriage on October 8, 1923 in Seattle, Washington, to Sophia Lada, who preceded him in death on August 6, 1969.

Mr. Myers graduated from the Iberia Academy in 1924 and was in St. Louis until 1939. He was a longshoreman in Seattle Washington from 1939-1961, at which time he retired and moved back to his farm home near Ulman, Mo. Mr. Myers was a member of the Mt. View Church of Christ and Local 506 in Seattle, Washington.

Preceding him in death other than his wife, Sophia, were: one daughter, Martha Jean Myers in October 1963; one brother, Astor Myers and one sister, Oma Hawkins.

Surviving are: one daughter, Mrs. Mary Rogers of Eldon, Mo. and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Gunn of Eldon, Mo.; 3 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia. Bro. James Baysinger of Springfield was to conduct the funeral but because he became stuck in a snowdrift on the way to Iberia could not arrive. The family asked that Charles Lamb of Crocker, a member of the Mt. View Church of Christ, conduct the service. Interment was in the Hickory Point Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were: James Myers, Don Myers, Bill Myers, Guy Hix, Jack Jones and Robert Myers.

Unknown Publication, May 1981

**Mrs. Lois Dean Woolery**, 44, Ulman, died Monday, May 4, 1981, at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born Oct 23, 1936, at Brumley to Clarence and Okal DeVore Jeffries. Dec. 17, 1977, she was married to Coleman Woolery, who survives at Ulman.

Mrs. Woolery was co-manager of the Ulman MFA for several years. She was a member of the Ulman Baptist Church.
Surviving her are a son, Thomas Lee Patterson, Ulm; three brothers, Dorral Jeffries, Marshall, Roy Jeffries, Bethany, and Homer Jeffries, Ulman; a sister, Mrs. Jean Patterson, Ulman; and three step-daughters.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Ulman Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Gott Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, June 1976

Arthur E. Jenkins, 84, of Rte. 2, Meta, died Thursday, June 10, 1976, at Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City, where he had been a patient since June 6. Mr. Jenkins was born Oct. 31, 1891 near Ulman, the son of Benjamin Fredrick and Clara (Sanders) Jenkins. He was married on Sept 17, 1913, in Ulman to Minnie Lee Witt, who preceded him in death on May 16, 1945. On Dec. 30, 1953, he was married to Esther Anderson Holtmeyer, who survives of the home.

Mr. Jenkins lived most of his life in Miller and Maries counties where he farmed. He had also been a carpenter at Ft. Leonard Wood. In April of 1953, he became a member of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Jefferson City, and was a former member of the Modern Woodmen Lodge in Ulman, Mo.

Surviving are three sons, Oliver Jenkins of Downey, Calif., Gene Jenkins of Pico Revira, Calif., and Curtis Jenkins of Rush Hill; six daughters, Mrs. Ethel Wertz of Downey, Calif., Mrs. Eunice Ogilbee of Bell Gardens, Calif., Mrs. Dorothy Edwards of Tusculum, Mrs. Helen Martin of Hartsburg, Mrs. Ruby Kemp of Laddonia, and Mrs. Tracy Wilma of Bell Gardens, Calif.; four brothers, Walter Jenkins of New Bloomfield, Jake Jenkins of Cedar City, Marion Jenkins of Rolla, and Milton Jenkins of Tecumseh, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Ada Kirk of Crane, Ore., and Mrs. Sada Senor of Gold Hill, Ore.; 1 half-sister, Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan of Garden Grove, Calif.; two half brothers, Clarence Jenkins and Robert Jenkins, both of the state of California; 25 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia, with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in the Jackson Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Roger Edwards, Russell Martin, David Kemp, Bill Kemp, Danny Jenkins, Mike Jenkins, Larry Martin and Ronnie Ogilbee.

Unknown Publication, February 1975

Alvia P. Rook, age 85 years, of Iberia, Mo. passed away Friday, February 7, 1975 at Charles E. Still Hospital where he had been a patient since February 4, 1975. Mr. Rook was born July 14, 1899 near Iberia, Mo. in Miller County, the son of Frank and Emaline (Long) Rook. He was united in marriage on April 13, 1913 to Fannie Jane Flaugher, who survives of the home.

Mr. Rook lived all his life in Miller County where he farmed. During World War II they moved into Iberia and operated a service station. He had also been a custodian at Iberia School and Casey’s Store.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Will, Perry and George; two sisters, Mrs. Pearly Tomlinson and Mrs. Rosa Musick.

Surviving other than his wife, Fannie, are: one son, Vurden Rook of Iberia, Mo. and one daughter-in-law, Zella Rook of Iberia, Mo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 10, 1975 at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with Rev. Gary Gulley officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were: Barney Hutsler, Glenn Casey, Irvin McDonald, Eddie Puckett, Larry Collins and D.L. St. Clair. Memorial contributions to the Cancer Research Center in Columbia, Mo. are the wish of the family.

Unknown Publication, December 1976
Funeral services for **Genevieve Opal Lupardus**, 50, Star Rte., Tuscumbia, were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Ulman Christian Church. Mrs. Lupardus died Thursday, Dec. 9, 1976 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City. She had been hospitalized three months.

She was born Oct 14, 1926, in Illinois to Okie and Colena Hagan Simpson. Her father survives her.

March 14, 1942, she was married at Tuscumbia to William H. Lupardus, who also survives. Other survivors include two sons, Steven O. Lupardus of the home and William H. Lupardus Jr., Springfield; a sister, Mrs. Jean Parkison, Iberia; two brothers, Herschel Lee Simpson and Herman G. Simpson, both of Kansas City; and one granddaughter.

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**Unknown Publication, March 1970**

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ulman Christian Church for Mrs. **Elnora Merle Crisp**, 56, who died Wednesday, March 4, 1970, at a hospital in Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Crisp had lived in the Brumley and Ulman communities all of her life until going to Norfolk in November to make her home with a son, Cal. She was born at Brumley Nov. 11, 1913, the daughter of John and Maude Conner.

In 1938 she was married to Basil Crisp and they were the parents of four sons. Mr. Crisp preceded her in death on May 5, 1956.

Surviving are the four sons, G.W. Crisp of El Dorado Springs, John D. Crisp of Ulman, Cal Crisp of Norfolk, Va., and Roland Crisp of Alameda, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Thelma Wall of Kansas City, Kan.; one brother, John L. Conner of Kansas City, Kan., and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Crisp was a member of the Christian Church at Ulman. *Balance of copy missing.*

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**Unknown Publication, February 1975**

**Paul Davenport**, 71, of Kansas City, formerly of Brumley, passed away Friday, Feb. 28, 1975, at the Menorah Medical Center in Kansas City. Mr. Davenport was born Jan. 13, 1904, near Iberia, in Miller County, the son of John and Edna (Lewis) Davenport. He was married on Aug. 13, 1932 in Waynesville to the former Vera Crane. Mr. Davenport lived all his life in the Miller County and Kansas City areas where he had been a cattle buyer and general laborer. He attended the Mt. View Church of Christ near Tuscumbia and the Grandview Church of Christ in Kansas City.

Surviving are: one son, Paul Ray Davenport of Kansas City; one daughter, Mrs. Nola Cannon of Kansas City; five sisters, Mrs. Cora Patterson and Mrs. Dora Bilyeu both of Iberia, and Mrs. Mae Brockman, Mrs. Alma Markle and Mrs. Icie Peel, all of Kansas City; five grandchildren, Dan, Don and Susie Topping and Tim and Gwen Davenport and one great granddaughter, Sheridan Ann Topping.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Stevinson Funeral Home with Bro. John Lee officiating. Interment was in the Hickory Point Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dan Topping, Don Topping, Vernie Wilson, Brian Patterson, Mel Siekman and Everett Dake, Jr.

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**Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, February 2009**

**Herbert Lambert Volmert**, age 85, of St. Thomas, passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at his home. He was born in St. Thomas on July 30, 1923, son of Bernard and Minnie (Kolb) Volmert. On October 1, 1949, in Meta, Herbert married Imogene A. Lueckenotto, who survives at the home.

Herbert attended grade school in St. Thomas and high school in Meta. He was a dairy farmer for many years, an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed cutting wood, his dogs, hunting, and Cardinal baseball. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and especially playing pinochle. Herbert was a member of St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council 2149 (past Grand
Knight), St. Thomas Holy Name Society, and St. Thomas Over 50 Club. Herbert was also a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

He is also survived by two sons, Roger Volmert and wife Eileen and David Volmert and wife Peggy all of St. Thomas; three daughters, Linda Kiesling and husband David of Jefferson City, Darlene Libbert and husband Danny of St. Thomas, and Ruth Stokes and husband Jim of Jefferson City; fourteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Viola Volmert.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leander (Curly) Volmert, and his grandson, Kurt Volmert.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Rev. Mark Porterfield will officiate. Interment will be in St. Thomas Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, February 27, at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall, with a senior citizen’s rosary at 4:30 p.m. and a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of sympathy be sent to SSM Hospice, 520 Ellis Blvd., Ste N, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 or to Fr. Luke’s Mission Club. Arrangements are under the direction of Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Meta.

Unknown Publication, April 1970

Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Iona Hendricks, 69 of 120 N. First St., Central Point, Ore., who died April 12, 1970 were held at 2 p.m. April 15 in the Chapel of Memories, Memory Gardens Funeral Home there. The Rev. Albert Dillon of the United Pentecostal Church officiated.

Mrs. Hendricks was born Oct. 1, 1900 at Ulman, and was married in June 1924 to James R. Hendricks who preceded her in death in 1962. She moved to Medford in 1958 from Ulman. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Ulman.

Her survivors include a son, Bruce Hendricks, of Central Point and five daughters: Mrs. Herman (Gelvia) Cooper of Brumley, and Mrs. Charles (Eunice) Myrick, Mrs. James (Dora) Anderson, Mrs. H.W. (Aulta Mary) Petty, and Mrs. Ray (Olga) Sparks, all of Central Point.

Also surviving are two nieces, Mrs. Jewel Phillips of Eldon and Mrs. Anita Schneider of North Tarrytown, N.J.; 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Unknown Publication, February 1970

Paul R. Cooper, 65, a retired Navy man, died suddenly Saturday, Feb. 28, 1970, at his home, 608 Vernon Dr., Eldon. His death was due to an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Cooper, a chief torpedo man with the United States Navy, retired in 1951 after 30 years service, and moved to Eldon. He was a veteran of World War II Navy service. Mr. Cooper was employed as a school bus driver with Eldon R-I district, retiring in 1969. On occasions, he had served as a substitute driver since his retirement.

He was born at Ulman April 18, 1904, the son of Milton Orval and Ida Mae (Shikles) Cooper. He was married to Rose Schmidt who survives at the home in Eldon. Also surviving are two step-children, Henry N. Ellenbrand of Floyds Knob, Ind., and Mrs. Herbert E. Bell of Coupeville, Wash.

Mr. Cooper was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. March 3 at Sacred Heart Church with Msgr. John Dreisoeiner officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery under the direction of Philips Funeral Home of Eldon. Pallbearers were Ray Carlson, Vencil Lehman, John Connell, Norbert Schulte, Rufus Branstetter, Fred Ahart and Earl Baucom.

Unknown Publication, February 1972
Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Eugene Christian Church for John Alexander Graham, 71, a farmer on Rte. 1, Ulman. Mr. Graham died at 5:55 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1972, at his home. He was a lifelong resident of this mid-Missouri area.

Mr. Graham was born July 2, 1901 at Etterville, the son of the late Andrew and Anna (Harbison) Graham. He was married Sept 21, 1921 at Eugene to Pearl Buster who survives at the home.

Mr. Graham also leaves two daughters, Mrs. Homer Abbett of Eldon and Mrs. Tom Graves of Iberia; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Carney Graham of Lake Ozark and Aubrey Graham of Eugene, and two sisters, Lucy Graham of Miami, Okla., and Lois Schollser of Norman, Okla. One son, Johnnie Forrest Graham, died in 1928.

Mr. Graham was a member of Mt. Zion Christian Church, and of the AF&AM Lodge of Brumley.

The Rev. A. L. Alexander and the Rev. Mark Sooter will officiate at the funeral services. Burial will be in the Eugene Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Pallbearers will be Jim Myers, Marvin Patterson, Buell Burton, Gene Edwards, Bill Myers, and Bob Graham. Masons will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Unknown Publication, February 1976

Funeral services were held Saturday for C.B. (Ben) Jeffries, 82 of Brumley who died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1976, at a hospital in Jefferson City. He had been a farmer throughout his lifetime.

Mr. Jeffries, son of Benjamin Franklin and Ann (Huddleston) Jeffries, was born near Brumley, May 10, 1893. On July 7, 1913 he was married to Rosetta Snelling who preceded him in death Nov. 14, 1972. One son died at the age of two weeks.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond Jeffries and Carroll Jeffries, both of Brumley; two daughters, Mrs. Eunice Trusley of Brumley and Mrs. Phyllis Williams of Jefferson City; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jeffries united with the Assembly of God Church at Kaiser when a young man. The Rev. Georgie L. Goodson officiated at the funeral services at 2 p.m. Saturday at the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church at Kaiser. Burial was in the New Hope Cemetery under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Brumley. Pallbearers were Wyman (Doug) Brown, William W. (Bill) Jeffries, Edgar Byrd, Larry Huddleston, Leman Wilson and Buel C. Shipman.

Unknown Publication, July 1975

Marinda E. George, 74, Ulman, passed away Wednesday, July 30, 1975, at Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City. She was born Jan 15, 1901, near Brumley, the daughter of Frank and Betty (Hale) Wright. She was married Aug 23, 1916, in Tuscumbia to Joseph F. George, who survives at the home. Mrs. George lived all her life in Miller County where she was a member of the Freedom Christian Church.

Preceding her in death were six brothers, two in infancy and John, Albert, James, and Clarence Wright; four sisters, Emma Witt, Lena Abbott, Bessie Witt and Carrie Whittle and one daughter, Viola George on Sept. 8, 1933.

Surviving, other than her husband, are: one daughter, Mrs. Sarah Ardis Fercho of Ulman; two sons, Forbes George of Iberia, and Charles George of Barnett; a sister, Mrs. Grace Crane of Tuscumbia; and nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, at Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with the Rev. Sam Allen officiating. Interment was in the New Hope Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Kelsay, Jck Spearman, Ellis Jarrett, Samuel Kelsay, George Plemmons, Dean Fields, Royal Kallenbach and Bob Hix.

Unknown Publication, Jun 1980
Mrs. Ruby Wickham, 71, Kaiser, died Wednesday, June 11, 1980, at the Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born Feb. 19, 1909, in Miller County to Fred W. and Mary P. (Casey) Snelling. Dec. 31, 1928, she was married in Miller County to Jack Wickham, who survives.

Mrs. Wickham lived most of her life in Miller County. She was a member of Riverview Baptist Church at Osage Beach.

Surviving are four sons, Donald Wickham, Gary Wickham, Jimmie Wickham and Danny Wickham, all of the lake area; four daughters, Mrs. Lola Franklin, Mrs. Colleen Graham and Mrs. Elaine Crowell, all of the lake area, and Mrs. Mary Esther Collins, Kansas City; and 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Gott Cemetery near Ulman under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home at Eldon.

Vonda Lee Hutsler, age 75, of Iberia, passed away after a short bout with cancer on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at her home. She was born in Crocker on June 18, 1933, daughter of Oscar and Margaret (Walters) Duncan. On June 11, 1955, in Crocker, she married Jewell “Bud” Hutsler, who preceded her in death on April 2, 2003.

Vonda worked at Waynesville Clinic for Dr. Ogden DeWitt Sr. for 30 years. She started her nursing career at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. She was a member of Crocker Christian Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Debra D. Fortner and husband David of Sullivan; one nephew, Bill Easter of Dennison, Texas; one niece, Donnie Easter of Houston, Texas; and close friends, Wilma Rowden of Iberia and Norma Hodge of Marshall.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Bob and Lowell Duncan; and one sister, Ethel Easter.

Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. A graveside service will immediately follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Iberia Cemetery. Bro. Duncan Skiles will officiate.

Carl Junior Beal, age 63, of Iberia, passed away Monday, February 23, 2009, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in Iberia on March 9, 1945, son of Thurman Elvie and Violet Irene (Riedesel) Beal.

He is survived by three sisters, Ruby Dietz of Waterloo, Illinois, Bessie Roberts of Higbie, and Hazel Beal of Iberia.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009, in Bethany Cemetery near Crocker. Arrangements are under the direction of Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Lyle Edgar Banister, age 90, died February 24, 2009 at his Eldon home at the Lake of the Ozarks. Born August 10, 1918 in Kansas City, KS, Lyle had self-confidence and optimism, traits allowing him to overcome physical challenges.

Lyle relished large projects, such as building additions onto his home; constructing a home-made elevated rail car to travel the steep hill leading from the home down to the dock on the lake; repairing major household machinery and appliances; and making major repairs to his cars.

Surviving is his beloved wife, May (Lyle and May planned to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary August 5, 2009.) Lyle and May had three children; daughters; Donna Baker and Husband Kent of Villa Ridge, MO.; Phyllis Dreste and husband Pete of Eldon; and one son, Denny Banister and wife Madelyn of Jefferson City, MO. Granddaughters include: Macharr Schroer and husband Jason (deceased) of Washington, MO; Jenny Banister (deceased); Dawn
Dreste of Jefferson City, MO; Bridgett Akers and husband Danny of Washington, MO; and Sarah Dreste of New York, NY. Grandsons include; Brian Banister, Jefferson City, MO; Chris Dreste, St. Charles, MO; Jacob Dreste and wife Lauren of Lakewood, WA; and Jesse Dreste of Eldon.

Great Grandchildren include: Maelana Baker, and Albany & Emily Akers. Lyle had four sisters; Marge Payne and husband Robert (deceased) of Ft. Smith, AK; Marcella Hague (deceased) and husband Al of Merriam, KS; Orpha Banister (deceased); and Carole Scott and husband Jerry of Harrison, AK.

Lyle retired in 1975 after serving thirty years as an employee of Procter & Gamble in St. Louis, MO, where he served as a time-study engineer.

Visitation will be held Saturday Feb. 28, 2009 from 9:30AM – 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri with the Funeral Service beginning at 11:00 AM. Chaplain Bart Larson will officiate. Interment will be held at the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon, Missouri. Memorial Contributions in memory of Lyle are suggested to the St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, February 26, 2009

Cecil Ray Pope, 79, of Buffalo Valley, Okla., died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at his home. He was born Dec 8, 1929 in Brumley to Jewel and Vecia Barnes Pope. His wife, Mary Pope, preceded him in death.

Surviving are seven sons and their wives, Paul and Margaret Pope of Talihina, Okla., George and Donna Pope of Boswell, Okla., Glen and Sherry Pope of Eldridge, John and Linda Pope of Tulsa, Okla., Charles and Sharon Pope of Conway, Ark., Mark and Mary Jo Pope of McAlester, Okla., and Carl Pope of Sherwood, Arl.; six daughters and their husbands, Carol and Jack Schenk of Carrolton, Myrna and David Pipkin and Krista and Lee Johnson of Buffalo Valley, Okla., Alice Young and Maggie and Robbie Buckles of Owasso, Okla., and Dorothy and Marc Roberts of Conway, Ark.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Marilyn and Gary Don Reed of Clayton, Okla.; a stepson, Dee Johnson of Buffalo Valley, Okla.; a sister, Ruth (Paul) Atkinson of Eldon; a brother, Larry (Sandy) Pope of Eldon; 32 grandchildren; 15 Step-grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 28 step-great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Yanush Assembly of God with Kenny Bryant and Brent Smith officiating. Burial was at Laura McGee Cemetery in Buffalo Valley, Okla., under the direction of Talihina Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, January 1980

James Robert (Jim) Pruitt, 86, Rte. 3, Eldon, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 1980, at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach. Mr. Pruitt had lived in the Eldon area all of his life. He was born July 26, 1893, at Eldon to Lewis W. and Elizabeth Ray Pruitt. Aug. 22, 1910, he was married to Tusculum to the former Dessie Jane Jones, who survives at the home.

Mr. Pruitt had been a farmer and was a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, John L. Pruitt, Ashland, and Lloyd E. Pruitt, Eldon; three daughters, Mrs. Viola Lake, Eldon, Mrs. Pauline Thomas, Brashear, and Mrs. Betty Cornett, Haysville, KS; a sister, Mrs. Lucille Hall, Jefferson City; and 15 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, four sisters and a grandson.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Philips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Selby Graham officiating. Pallbearers were grandsons and burial was in Dooley Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, November 1975

Calona Burks Murray, 82, a native and lifelong resident of Ulman, died Sunday, Nov. 9, 1975 at her home. She was born Oct. 21, 1893, at Ulman to Milton and Adaline Starks Burks.
Aug. 7, 1920, she was married to Charley Murray at Jefferson City. Mrs. Murray was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Surviving her are her husband of the home; two sons, Raymond Murray of Kansas City, Kan. and Louie Murray, Brumley; a daughter, Mrs. Faye Tomson, Brumley; two brothers, Ben Burks and Phil Burks, both of Brumley; a sister, Mrs. Jane Schlesinger of Eldon; and nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, a brother, a son and a daughter.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the New Hope Pentecostal Church at Kaiser. Burial was in New Hope Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Unknown Publication, December 1976

Amy Laura Wyrick, 63, Rte. 1, Tuscumbia, died Friday, Dec. 24, 1976, at Tipton Manor Nursing Home in Tipton where she had been a patient since July 22 after suffering a stroke. Mrs. Wyrick was born Sept. 22, 1913, in Miller County near Capps, the daughter of John and Alice (Humphrey) Birdsong. She was united in marriage on April 24, 1937, at Versailles to Norman Tennyson Wyrick, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Wyrick lived all her life in Miller County where she had been a machine operator at International Shoe Co. in Eldon and at L & B Manufacturing Co. in Iberia for more than 13 years.

She was baptized at Humphrey’s Creek and had been a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church since 1946.

Preceding her in death were her parents, one brother, James, in infancy; and two sisters, Margie and Grace in infancy.

Surviving other than her husband are: two sons, Jerry L. Wyrick, Belton, and Jackie T. Wyrick, Hiawatha, IA.; three sisters, Mrs. Martha Lee, Eldon, Mrs. Kancy Cross, Granite City, Ill., and Mrs. Flossie Clark, Tuscumbia; four brothers, Jasper Birdsong, Eldon, Ira Birdsong, Tuscumbia, George Birdsong, Granite City, Ill., Flavy Birdsong, Tuscumbia; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Zion Christian Church with Rev. Gene Edwards and Rev. Floyd Barlow officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Gail Martin, Tom Graves, Carl Schlesinger, Truman Helton, John Setser and Frank Horton.

Unknown Publication, July 1976

Otis H. Carico, 74, of Ulman, died Saturday, July 24, 1976, at the Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mr. Carico was born Oct. 18, 1901 in Miller County near Ulman, the son of William and Laura (Patterson) Carico. He was married in 1923 to Miss Oma Cox. On Oct. 11, 1967, he married Virginia McLaskey Plemmons, who survives of the home.

Mr. Carico lived most of his life in Miller County except for a few years spent in Kansas City, Mo., and Bonner Springs, Kan. He had farmed and was a painter. He was a member of the Baptist Church in Brumley.

Surviving other than his wife, Virgie, are one son, Kenneth J. Carico of Ulman; two daughters, Mrs. Marie Graham of Bonner springs, Kan., and Mrs. Hazel Kerr of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; two stepsons, Kent Plemmons of Pueblo, Colo., and George O. Plemmons of Ulman; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Betty Heard of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. Caroline Kelsay of Iberia, and Mrs. Mary Hoskins of Barnett; one sister, Mrs. Cora Markle of Jefferson City; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Brumley Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Martin and the Rev. Charles Cox officiating. Burial was in the Hawkins Cemetery.
under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Kent Crane, Ralph Long, Jim Thornsberry, the Rev. Carroll Jeffries, Raymond Graham and Verner Beard.

Mid-Missouri newspaper February 1975

Mrs. Annie L. Bacon, 49, of Lakewood, Colo., died Thursday (27 Feb 1975) at a Denver, Colo. hospital. She was formerly a resident of Eldon. She was born June 30, 1925, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones. On Feb. 24, 1946, she was married to Grant Bacon who died Sept. 2, 1958.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Gloria Ohrns, Lakewood, Colo.; one son, Grant Bacon, Lakewood, Colo.; one brother, James Jones, Dallas, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Wanda Farris, state of Louisiana, and one grandson.

She was a member of the Baptist Church. Services are scheduled for Monday at the Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Eldon, with the Rev. Don Wainright officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Eldon.

Unknown Publication, August 1975

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Olive Martin Vaughan, 77, of 205 S. Grand Ave., Eldon, were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Don Wainwright officiating at the Eldon Baptist Church. Mrs. Vaughan died unexpectedly Saturday, Aug 30, 1974 at her home. She was born April 2, 1898, in Miller County to George and Dora Wyrick Martin. March 10, 1923 she was married to Ford Vaughan, who died March 2, 1971.

Mrs. Vaughan was a 55-year member of the Eldon Baptist Church. She also was a member of the Eldon Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Euterpean Club.

Surviving her are a son, Howard M. Vaughan, Kansas City, and two grandchildren, Craig and Kim Vaughan, both of Kansas City.

Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dwight Jones, Ray Barbarick, Bill Engle, Harry Kay, Wilford Robb and Earl Baucom.

Unknown Publication, April 1979

Clint D. Luttrell, 65, Star Route, Iberia, died Sunday, April 1, 1979 at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia. He was born Nov. 7, 1913, at Hawkeye in Miller County, to Ike and Mary Elizabeth (Luttrell) Luttrell. May 20, 1972, he was married at Iberia to Stella McDowell, who survives.

For several years Mr. Luttrell worked for the Kaw Valley Railroad in Kansas City, Kan. In addition to his wife, he leaves four sons, Clint Luttrell, Jr., DeSoto, Kan., Donald Luttrell, Bonner Springs, Kan., Lester Luttrell, Iberia, and Larry Luttrell, Kansas City, Kan.; six daughters, Mrs. Isamae Mann, Linnwood, Kan., Mrs. Shirley Walker and Mrs. Betty Smotherman, both of Winona, Mrs. Mary Bettis and Mrs. Linda Herndon, both of Kansas City, and Miss Rose Luttrell of the home; six step-sons, Donald Humphrey, Kansas City, Kan., George Humphrey and Ronald Humphrey, both of Iberia, and James Humphrey, David Humphrey and Paul Humphrey, all of the home; two step-daughters, Mrs. Betty Weems, Lake Ozark and Mrs. Brenda Owens, Iberia; four sisters, Mrs. Leone McDowell, Brumley, Mrs. Elsie Johnson, Stoutland, Mrs. Myrtle McCombs, Iberia, and Mrs. Flossie Martin, Linn Creek; two brothers, Emer Luttrell, Bonner Springs, Kan., and Fred Luttrell, Webb City; and 41 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Stevinson Funeral Home in Iberia with Allen Shelton officiating. Burial was in Mt. Union Cemetery.

Obituaries of unknown origin:

Alvirda Mae Harrington, 72, of Olean died Tuesday, February 2, 1999 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. She was born March 4, 1926 in Mexico, Missouri to
Forrest and Mildred Peter Mayes. On June 29, 1946 she was married in Mexico to I. B. Harrington, who died December 5, 1989.


One son, John Harrington, and a granddaughter preceded her in death.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating.

Bonnie G Harrison, 77, Jefferson City, died February 11, 1999 at Hospice House. She was born February 5, 1922 in Jefferson City, a daughter of Lon C and Leona Rincheval Stone. She was married June 29, 1941 in Springfield, to Albert A. Harrison.

She attended school in Springfield and Jefferson City, and was employed at the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the Missouri Department of Revenue. She was a member of First Baptist Church and VFW 1003 Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include: two sons, Larry Harrison and Charlie Harrison; both of Jefferson City; two daughters, Donna Meisel, Jefferson City, and Jackie Baysinger, Holts Summit, one brother Charles Stone, Jefferson City, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Buescher Memorial Home. The Rev. Doyle Sager will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.


He was a member of First Baptist Church, Dixon, and was ordained as a deacon. He was a member of Arlington Lodge 346 A.F. & A.M., Dixon. He was a life-long farmer in Pulaski County.

Survivors include one son, William B Harrison, Dixon, one daughter, Nellie Cain, Auxvasse; one half-sister, Ina Barber, Wilkeson, Washington, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church. The Rev. Tommy Harper will officiate. Burial will be in Dixon Cemetery.

Ruby E. Harrison, 87, Jefferson City, died February 26, 1999, at Jefferson City Manor Care Center. She was born October 12, 1911, in Guthrie, a daughter of Claud R and Serilda Zumwalt Henderson. She was married June 5, 1941 to William Harrison who died July 4, 1959.

A 1928 graduate of Jefferson City High School, she was employed by Oberman Manufacturing Company in Jefferson City for several years and later in the women's clothing industry in Kansas City. She returned to Jefferson City from Kansas City in 1994.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Kansas City and St. Peter's Church in Jefferson City.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Dean Colvin, Holts Summit; and two brothers, Homer A Henderson, Jefferson City; and Billy Ray Henderson, Rocky Mount.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday.
Hiram idolphus Hart Sr., 93, of Marys' Home died Thursday, July 17, 1986 at his home. He was born October 10, 1892 to Hiram Toliver and Malinda Kohensky Hart. On February 18, 1920 he was married in Mary's Home to Frieda Schulte, who survives at the home. Mr. Hart was a lifetime resident of Mary's Home. He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church and Roscoe Enloe Post 5 at the American Legion in Jefferson City. In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, Willburn Hart of Henley and H. I. Hart Jr., of Eugene; a daughter Anna Shipman of Eugene, four sisters, Mary Halm, Alva McKinney, Henriett Hart and Urith Heltin Seizer, all of St. Louis; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Our Lady of the Snow Church with the Rev. John Schuttly officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery with a Legion honor guard. Phillips Federal Home was in charge of arrangements.

E. C. Harris, 80, Plattsburg, died September 25, 1998 at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City. He was born February 1, 1918 hear Plattsburg, a son of Raleigh and Effie Harris. He was married June 30, 1940 to Eleanor Shannon who died in 1997. A graduate of Plattsburg High School, he was a farmer and a member of Broadway United Methodist Church. He was active in the Plattsburg Saddle Club and the Clinton County Livestock Show. Survivors include; one daughter, Jean Saunders, Jefferson City; one brother, Robert "Cotton" Harris, Plattsburg, and two grandsons. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Cox Funeral Home, Plattsburg. Burial will be at Green Lawn Cemetery, Plattsburg. Visitation will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today.

Glenn M. Harrison Sr. 79, of Centralia died at his home Tuesday, February 10, 1998. He was born August 18, 1918 to Crockett Irvin and Florence Eaton Harrison. On September 28, 1940 he was married in Mexico, Missouri to Leona Marie Barker. She died June 29, 1972. He was a U. S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was employed at the A. B. Chance Company in Centralia for 37 years, and at retirement was foreman of the Fuse Link Department at the East Street factory. Since 1964 he has owned a cabin in the Rocky Mount area on Lake of the Ozarks. He was a member of the Centralia First Baptist Church and was past master of Centralia Masonic Lodge No. 59. A.F.&A.M. He also was a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., Valley of Columbia, Tiger Shrine Club, both in Columbia, and Moolah Shrine Temple of St. Louis. Surviving him are three sons: Glenn M. Harrison, Jr. of Mexico, Missouri, James Crockett Harrison of Eldon and Marshall Kent Harrison of Centralia; six grandchildren; two great grand children; three sisters, Urith Kinkead of Centralia and Helen Crews and Anna Belle Guile, both of Mexico, Missouri; and his long time companion Pauline Reed of Centralia. Visitations will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Fenton Funeral Chapel in Centralia. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Fenton Funeral Chapel in Centralia with the Rev. Ken Ingram officiating. Burial will be in Glendale Memorial Gardens at Centralia.

Opal Glendon Harrison, 88, of Olean died Saturday, August 19, 1995, at Eldon Health Care Center in Eldon. She was born April 29, 1907 in Moniteau County to William J and Perlina Farris Bartsch. On March 4, 1930, she was married in Kansas City to Forest Ray Harrison who died September 10, 1966. Mrs. Harrison was a 1928 graduate of Olean High School. She attended Central Business College in Kansas City and served as an assistant to the late Mrs. W. A. Renken in the Olean Post Office. A longtime member of the Olean Christian Church, she served as a Sunday school teacher for more than 40 years. She had been a resident of the Olean community since 1917, where her family operated the Olean Telephone Exchange until 1947.
Surviving her are a daughter, Betty J. Roark of Olean; a son, Billy R. Harrison of Belleville, Illinois; two grandchildren and three step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with Don E. Renkin and Jim Kruse officiating. Burial was in the Olean Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Olean Christian Church.

Lt. Col. James L Harrison, 80 of Tuscumbia, died Thursday, August 29, 1985 at his home. He was born January 25, 1905 in Brumley to James B and Minnie Robinnette Harrison. On September 27, 1938, he was married in Glenwood, Iowa to Elizabeth Jane "Betty" May who survives.

Col. Harrison retired from the U. S. Air Force in 1960 as base commander at Chanute Air Force Base at Rantoul, Illinois. He also served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a graduate of Brumley High School and earned bachelor and master degrees from the University of Missouri Columbia.

He was a member of Jefferson Lodge 43 A.F. & A.M., Jefferson Lodge 34 Royal Arch Masons; the Knight Templar Prince of Peace Commandry 29 in Jefferson City; the Riad Shrine Temple in Sioux Falls, S. D. and the Tuscumbia Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, Col Harrison is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Debo of Tucson, Arizona, and Frances Stevens of St. Louis, a brother Elmer R Harrison of Kingsport Tennessee, a sister, Alta Bernhardt of Costa Mesa, California and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Stevenson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Military rites and burial were held Monday at Jefferson Barricks National Cemetery in St. Louis. The family suggests any memorial contributions be made to the heart fund.

J. W. "Jim" Harrison, 67, of Henley died Thursday August 15, 1996 at Villa Marie Skilled Nursing Facility. He was born July 26, 1929 in Eldon to William and Stella Roark Harrison. On July 12, 1989 he was married in Wertsburg, Tennessee to Ellen Harmon who survives at the home. Mr. Harrison had worked on cattle ranches most of his life, prior to retirement.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Robert Harrison of Chicago, Illinois, Joseph Richard Harrison of Eldon and James W Harrison of Cape Girardeau; a daughter, Diane Harrison of the state of California, four grandchildren, two brothers, Harvey Harrison of Ivy Bend near Stover and John Harrison of Osceola and three sisters: Ora Mae Waddell of Kansas City, Kansas; Cora Porter of Ivy Bend and Faye Newcome of Springfield.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Cellis Crum officiating. Burial was in Spring Garden Cemetery.

Fred Lee Harrison, 92, of Latour, formerly of Eldon, died Monday, December 9, 1996, at Cass Medical Center in Harrisonville. He was born February 25, 1904, in Miller County, to John J and Armettie Matthews Harrison. On October 20, 1932 he was married at Warrensburg to Ruby Pearl Elliott, who died December 18, 1985. Mr. Harrison was a school teacher and farmer.

Surviving him as a son, Vernon Lee Harrison of Latour; and two sisters, Blanche Whittenberg and Nellie Workman, both of Eldon. One son, Elliott Harrison, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 12 at Rosehill Baptist Church. Burial was in the Rosehill Cemetery near Latour under the direction of Dickey Funeral Home in Garden City.

The funeral of Robert Berry Harrison of Kansas City was held at the Mount Pleasant Church Sunday by the Rev. A. Alexander, pastor of the Eldon Christian Church.
Mr. Harrison was born in Miller County, the son of Samuel and Mary J. Harrison, March...1859. He was married to Phoebe Ellen Crisp February 11, 1883, and to them eight children were born. Mrs. Harrison preceded her husband in death August 18, 1933. Five of the children survive: Mrs. Erna Mansfield, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mrs. T. Page Rogers, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Arthur Burger, Fulton, Missouri; Mrs. Pearl Howell, Kansas City, and Cecil Harrison, Auxvasse, Missouri. Besides the five children, there are 24 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

A brother, William M. Harrison, and a sister Mrs. Manervia Dooley, reside at Eldon. Other sisters are: Mrs. Gertie Benage of Lebanon, Mrs. Brooks English of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Josie Strum, of Washington.

Burial was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Mr. Harrison spent his boyhood days in Eldon community and later owned a farm in Callaway County until he retired and made his home with his sister, Mrs. Anna Rusk, in Eldon until her death.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, March 2009

August F. Barnhouse, age 86, of Eldon, died Tuesday, March 03, 2009 at the Harry S. Truman VA Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He was born on June 11, 1922 in Eldon, Missouri the son of the late Gus and Grace (Monroe) Barnhouse. He was married on September 23, 1945 in Eldon, Mo to Alpha Elizabeth (Stephens) Barnhouse, who passed away on November 07, 2006.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Norris Henley of Eldon; son, Stephens Barnhouse of Eldon; grandchildren, Lynne Henley Millard and husband Robert, Matthew Henley and wife Lindsay, Michael Henley and wife Kyle, Elizabeth Barnhouse and Andrew Barnhouse; great granddaughters, Mia, Grace, and Ava Millard, Ella and Claire Henley and Lily Henley; his sister, Ruth Crane of Eldon and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Amy Barnhouse and his sister, Madeline Wiseman.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Eldon, Mo. After graduating from Eldon High School he served as a navigator in the United States Air Corps during World War II. He served as the Eldon City Clerk and Treasurer for approximately 15 years. He served two terms as the Mayor of Eldon from 1963 until 1967. He graduated from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1963. He served as treasurer of the Dept. of Mo. DAV; Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Visitation will be Friday, March 06, 2009 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral Service will be Saturday, March 07, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the First Christian Church of Eldon with the Rev. Shirley Williams officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery with flag folding being provided by Eldon V.F.W. Post #2442. Memorials are suggested to DAV Chapter 17, First Christian Church of Eldon or to the Eldon Montessori Children’s House.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, March 2009

Fredonna L. Kemna, age 58, of Jefferson City, formerly of Meta, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2009, at her home. She was born in Miller County on October 31, 1950, daughter of Stephen C. and Catherine (Kirkweg) Kemna.

She attended Fatima High School and worked for many years in the housekeeping field for the state of Missouri and other companies before illness forced her to retire. She loved the outdoors, especially fishing. She was an out-going individual making many friends and acquaintances. She always considered others before herself. She was deeply loved by many and will be sincerely missed. She also had a special love for her cats. Fredonna was a faithful member
of Solid Rock Family Church in Jefferson City. She loved her church and would constantly invite others to go with her.

She is survived by two aunts, Shirley Luebke and husband Rich of Cofeeen, Illinois and Gertrude (Rehagen) Kirkweg of St. Elizabeth; one uncle, Norbert Buechter of Iberia; and several cousins.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial Contributions and condolences may be sent to Solid Rock Family Church, 508 Hunters Run Rd, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. Arrangements are under the direction of Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Unknown Publication, December 1998

Harry William Barnard, 68, Jefferson City, died December 3, 1998 at his home. He was born June 17, 1930 in Jefferson City, a son of Harry H and Mildred Ann Wuelser Barnard. He was married April 9, 1956 in Jefferson City to Joyce Mad Raithel, who survives at the home.

He attended Jefferson City High School and graduated from barber college in Kansas City in 1956. A Navy veteran, he was a barber in Jefferson City from 1956 to 1998.

He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, VFW Roy Sone Post 1003, and an honorary member of the Missouri Highway Patrol. He was a clown for the Knights of Columbus.

Other survivors include: three sons, Mike Barnard and Chris Barnard, both of Jefferson City, and Rick Barnard, Holts Summit; two daughters, Cindy Burmeister, Washington and Kim Barnard, Jefferson City; two brothers, Robert Barnard, New Bloomfield and Jerry Barnard, Corning, Iowa and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Catholic Church. The Rev. Erwin Konrad will officiate. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery. Vistation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Houser-Millard Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the local Marfan Syndrome Chapter.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

Services were Sunday for Lloyd W. Barnard, 86, Jefferson City, who died Friday at Capital Region Medical Center Southwest. He was born October 7, 1910 in New Bloomfield, a son of William F. and Mary Jane Roberts Barnard. He was married March 15, 1932, in Tuscumbia to Marie Clark, who survives at the home.

A graduate of New Bloomfield High School, he received a Bachelors degree in education from Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, and a master's degree in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He did additional graduate work at Washington University, St. Louis. He was employed as a teacher and administrator at several school districts. He was superintendent of schools in New Bloomfield and St. Clair. He was an administrator with the University City School District until his retirement in 1962. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Other survivors include: one son, Roger L. Barnard, New Bloomfield, one daughter, Jane Burford, Ridgecrest, California; one brother, Oliver Barnard, Shell Knob, and six grandchildren.

Services were held at Freeman Mortuary. The Rev. David Phelps officiated. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church.

Miller County Autogram, December 28, 1939

George E. Barnard, well known and respected citizen of the Eldon community passed away at Eldon Sunday morning at the age of 64 years, following an operation for an illness with which he had been suffering for only about three days. Mr. Barnard was born August 20, 1895, in Chalro, Ohio, and departed this life December 24, 1939. At an early age he came to the Eldon area and had lived there since that time.

He was married to Anna C Gouge April 27, 1898, and leaves to mourn his passing his wife and three children - Mrs. Edith Vernon, and Helen Cunningham of Eldon and Logan.
Barnard of the home, and he is also survived by five grandchildren. He leaves two brothers - Ed Barnard of Eldon and Rollo Barnard of Freeport, Kansas; four sisters - Anna Schollprize of St. Louis, Mrs. Dora Plemons of Brumley, Mrs. Ruth Oliver of Lees Summit, Mrs. Oda Weston of Harrisonville, besides a host of dear relatives and friends.

At an early age Mr. Barnard confessed his faith in Christ and united with the Eldon Christian Church, in which faith he lived and died. Funeral services were conducted at the Eldon Christian Church Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 by Rev. A. Alexander, pastor of the church. Interment was in Dooley Cemetery, with Eldon Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Eldon Advertiser, June 4, 1942

Mrs. George Barnard

 died at her home in Aurora Springs, Monday following a lingering illness. Anna C. Gouge, daughter of Millie Gouge, was born April 27, 1872, near California, Missouri.

When six years old she moved with her parents to Aurora Springs where she spent her life. September 4, 1893, Miss Gouge was married to George Barnard and to them three children were born: Mrs. Carl Vernon of Eldon, Mrs. Hilgar Cunningham of Eldon, and Logan Barnard of the home.

Mrs. Barnard was converted about 41 years ago and became a member of the Aurora Springs Baptist Church of which she remained a member until her death.

Besides the three children, Mrs. Barnard is mourned by six grandchildren, a brother Albert Gouge, and other relatives. Mr. Barnard preceded her in death about two years ago, and one sister, Mrs. Alvie Jones, died about 11 years ago.

The funeral was held at Aurora Springs Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. N. E. Williams, at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon. Burial was made in the Dooley Cemetery with Kays Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

Berniece E. Barnard, 70, of 127 W. North Street, Eldon, died Monday morning at her home following a lengthy illness. She was born in Brumley on July 26, 1908, to George W. and Sarah E. Goodhue Brown. On January 13, 1940 she was married in Russellville to Logan A. Barnard who survives at home.

Mrs. Barnard worked as a salesperson in a number of Eldon retail stores before retiring from Gerbes Supermarket in 1980. She was a member of the Aurora Springs Baptist Church, the Auxiliary of VFW Post 2442; Eldon, Friendly Neighbors Extension Club and the American Association of Retired Persons. She also was a past correspondent for the Eldon Advertiser from the Aurora Springs community.

In addition to her husband she is survived by two brothers, Johnny W. Brown of Kansas City and Clarence Brown of Lakeland, Oregon.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Aurora Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Stevinson and the Rev. Charles Caldwell officiating. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens under the direction of Griswold-Kays Funeral Home.

Unknown Publication, October 1974

Mr. Gerling dies Friday, October 25, 1974

Norbert H. Gerling, 48, Oakley, California, died Friday morning in a Walnut Creek, California hospital. He had been ill about six months. He was born January 22, 1926 in Jefferson City to Louis and Veronica Bax Gerling.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jane Gerling of the home; two sons, Clarence Gerling and Louis Norbert Gerling, both of the state of California; his mother, Mrs. Veronica Gerling, New Bloomfield; three brothers, Edward Gerling and Ted Gerling, both of Jefferson City, and LeRoy Gerling, New Bloomfield. Six sisters, Mrs. Margie Pfengar, Jefferson City, Mrs.
Dorothy Neeley, Elston, Mrs. Mildred Beauchamp, Mexico, Mrs. Mary Jane Lock, St. Peters, Mrs. August Lock, and Mrs. Norma Buckley, both of O'Fallon.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Jefferson City, with the Rev. John Prenger officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery. A rosary will be recited Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Claypool Funeral Home, New Bloomfield.

Unknown Publication
Mrs Gerling dies today - February 28, 1974

**Mrs. Gertrude J. Gerling**, 95, of 635 Georgia Street died this morning at St. Mary's Health Center following an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Gerling was born May 28, 1878 at Linn, the daughter of Herman and Margaret Lammers Hollenbeck. She was married May 27, 1902 at St. Elizabeth to Theodore Gerling, who died March 10, 1963. Mrs. Gerling was a member of the altar society of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Survivors include: Four sons, Steve Gerling, 2721 Idlewood Road, Joe Gerling, Route 2, August Gerling, Route 5, and Adolph Gerling 208 Indian Meadow Drive; three daughters, Mrs. Jerry Goeller, 635 Georgia Street, Mrs. Herman Goeller, Route 2, and Mrs. Otto Probst, Lohman, 19 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The rosary will be prayed at 8 p.m. Friday at the Dulle Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Catholic Church with the Rev. John Buchanan officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Unknown Publication
Grosvenor rites Monday, April 19, 1974

**Mrs. Linnet E Grosvenor** of St. Elizabeth died Friday at a Jefferson City hospital where she had been a patient since April 10. Mrs. Grosvenor was born January 1, 1887 in Miller County, the daughter of Fielding and Maria Capps Bilyeu.

In 1910, she was married to Henry Grosvenor, who died November 16, 1958. She was a member of the Smyrna Church of Christ in Miller County. She had been employed in domestic work in St. Louis where she lived for a number of years.

Survivors include: Two sons, Willie Grosvenor, St. Elizabeth and Harold Grosvenor, Waynesville; six daughters, Mrs. Jewell Henley, St. Louis, Mrs Blanche Jeffries, Florissant, Mrs. Inez Barnhart, Jefferson Ciy, Mrs. Freeda Burnham and Mrs. Evelyn Burns, both of Meta and Mrs. Ruby Lombardo, Lawton, Michigan; 19 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Monday at the Stevinson Funeral Chapel, St. Elizabeth, with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Burial will be in the Meta Southside Cemetery.

Unknown Publication
Mrs. Graessle dies at age 67, December 8, 1973

**Mrs. Margaret Graessle**, 67, of 1612 W. Main Street, died Saturday at her home after a lingering illness. Mrs. Graessle was born April 21, 1906, the daughter of Sebald and Mary A. Dulle Kohlman. She was married in St. Louis January 10, 1928, to Oscar J. Graessle, who survives at the home.

She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella No. 322 and the Altar Society.

Other survivors include: One daughter, Mrs. Judy Connors, 2509 W. Main Street and four grandchildren.

The rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Dulle Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Buchanan officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Unknown Publication, February 1978
Miss Anna B. Groner, Jefferson City, died Monday, February 27, 1978, at a hospital there following an illness of about three weeks. A native of the Folk Community, Miss Groner was born in 1894, a daughter of Stephen and Regina Veltrop Groner.

She was never married. Miss Groner was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Jefferson City, and St. Ann's Sodality. She served as a housekeeper for her brother, the Rev. Msgr. Bernard Groner, until her retirement.

Other survivors include three nephews, Richard Groner, Bernard Groner, and Rev. John Groner, all of Jefferson City and one niece, Mrs. Regina Schepers, St. Louis.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Home with the Rev. Anthony Bruzas, officiating. Burial was in the St. Anthony Cemetery, Folk, Missouri.

Unknown Publication, March 1971

Raymond Groff, 73, of Belle, died Thursday, March 11, 1971, at a Jefferson City hospital. Mr. Groff was born August 2, 1897 in Osage County, the son of Jesse and Elizabeth Roberts Groff.

He married the former Miss Amanda Elizabeth Goodman, at St. Louis, April 13, 1920. She survives.

Other survivors include: One son, Herbert V. Groff, Baldwin; one brother, Robert Groff, Jennings, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Groff was a deacon of the Pilot Knob Baptist Church, an adult class Sunday school teacher, and a board member of the church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 373, A.M. & F.M., Belle.

Masonic service was held at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Jones Funeral Home, Belle. Funeral services were held at the Pilot Knob Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Sunday with Rev. Snodgrass officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Unknown Publication, February 1967

Mrs. Caroline Johanna Greichen died Tuesday, February 21, 1967, at the Memorial Hospital in Jefferson City after being admitted 5 days earlier. Mrs. Greichen was born December 16, 1899 the daughter of Benjamin Linhardt and his wife Mary Arnsmeyer Linhardt, in the Freedom Community, where she lived her entire life.

On October 20, 1921 she was united in marriage to Herman C Greichen, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Herman C. Greichen, Jr.; and a daughter, Mrs. Ray (Velma) Hicks of Jefferson City; 3 grandchildren; a brother, William Linhardt of Route 1, Linn; and a sister, Mrs. Emil Heidbrink also of Linn route.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 23, at 2 p.m. at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church at Freedom with Rev. H. F. Leischerd officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Unknown Publication, January 1974

Elmer F Green, age 84 years, of Route 1, Tuscumbia, Missouri passed away Wednesday, January 9, 1974 at the Charles E Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mr. Green was born April 24 1889 in Maries County near Van Cleve, Missouri, the son of Elijah and Mary (Orrey) Green. He was united in marriage December 25, 1915 in Hoecker, Missouri by Rev. Joe Barnhart, to Tina Arizona Barton who survives of the home.

Mr. Green lived several years in Kansas City, Missouri and Cuba, Missouri where he was employed by Koss Construction Company and Menefle Construction Company. He spent most of his life in the Miller County area where he was a construction worker and a farmer and was a member of the Humphrey's Creek Christian Church.

Preceding him in death were: 3 children: Lloyd, age 2 months in June 1926, Mable, age 10 in 1930 and Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, age 27 in 1945; 2 brothers, Willie and Jimmy; 4 sisters,
Bertha, Clardy, Lizzie Quinn, Mrs. Lula Wiles and Isabelle Miller and 1 grandson, Douglas Eugene Green at age 7 months on May 14, 1952.

Surviving, other than his wife, Tina, are 5 sons: David Green of Tuscumbia, Floyd Green of Meta, Dewey, Donald and Marvin Green, all of Cahokia, Illinois; 2 daughters, Mrs. Joan Gushwa of Colstrip, Montana and Mrs. Marilyn Mauzy of Alton, Illinois; 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 12 at the Stevinson Chapel in St. Elizabeth with Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Interment was in the Capps Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of St. Elizabeth. Pallbearers were: Bill Barton, Jim Green, Ray Green, Ralph Wiles, Jasper Wiles and Wilbur Wiles.

Obituary: Unknown Publication

Mattie Ellen Jones, 96, of Eldon died Sunday, November 2, 1997, at Eldon Healthcare Center in Eldon. She was born September 18, 1901, in Olean to Willis M. and Martha Bowlin Burris, a descendant of early settlers of Miller County. In 1920, she was married to Lloyd Milford Jones.

Mrs. Jones moved to Eldon in 1910 and lived most of her life here. She was employed for 25 years as a postal clerk at the Eldon Post Office prior to her retirement in 1966. For several years she was employed at the Eldon Transfer and Storage Company, owned by her brother, Delaney R. Burris. She was a lifetime member of the Eldon First Baptist Church.

Surviving her is a son, Dr. Lloyd Jones of Independence; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home. The body has been cremated and private interment will be held at a later date at the Eldon Cemetery.

News Article: Miller County Publication

Andrew Jackson Bowline - Born August 12, 1841, Died February 13, 1916.

The subject of this sketch was born in Platt County Missouri in 84 and at the age of short five years came with his father, Benjamin Franklin Bowlin to Miller County where he resided until he was about 8 years old, when he moved to Laclede County, but in 1880 he returned to Miller County where he has since lived. Uncle Jack grew up on the Glaize where his father ran a grist mill, a still house and a farm. He learned to be industrious and early in life affiliated with the Baptist Church of which he has been a member throughout his life time. At the age of 18 years he was married to Elizabeth Bird who was a daughter of George Bird of Cooper County, Missouri. In 1885 she was called to that unknown country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

To this union were born thirteen children, eight boys, all living, and five girls, three of whom have passed on to their rest.

In 1888, Mr. Bowlin was married to Sarah Johnson who survives him. To this union one child was born, P. B. Bowlin who has lived with his father and mother on the farm and will continue to live there and care for his mother.

In 1908 on his 66th anniversary and exactly 100 years from the birth of his father, Uncle Jack was made glad by a family reunion at which time all of his children were present as well as his good friends and neighbors. This was the first and only time that he ever saw all of his children together, however they have all been at his bedside during his sickness and death except his son Everett.

The only living brother, Delaney Bowlin came from Tulsa, Oklahoma to see Uncle Jack but arrived too late to be recognized. He is now at Eldon in a serious condition. His other brothers Newton and John and Frank as well as Martha, Elizabeth and Harriett, his three sisters have preceded him to the life beyond the grave.
Andrew Jackson Bowlin was an old soldier being a corporal in Company "B" 46th Regiment, Missouri Infantry. He was honorably discharged and drew a pension during the latter years of his life.

Besides his widow and children he leaves 32 grandchildren and 6 great grand children to mourn their loss as well as his church and many friends.

Uncle Jack Bowline was a noble man, a kindly neighbor, a loving husband, a dutiful father and a good and honorable citizen. He lived an active life, was very supple for a man of his years. May his children as well as all of us emulate his exemplary life.

The funeral was at Riverview Church of which Mr. Bowline was a member the services were conducted by Elder J. S. Mahan, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. Though we will not again see Uncle Jack's face, we know that his influence was for good and he will live always in our hearts and minds, made better by his having passed this way. It is our desire to express our sympathy to the bereaved family who are in great sorrow and to give to them the comfort in the God of the Universe who cares for them as well.

Obituary: Unknown Publication

John R. "Bob" Jeffries, 88, of 1205 S. Grand Avenue, Eldon, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 1984, at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital in Columbia. He was born May 8, 1895, in Camden County to Derrick W. and Mary F. McDowell Jeffries. He was married Dec. 23, 1922 to Faye Beulah Wilkes in Linn Creek. She was born Dec. 18, 1900 and died March 29, 1976. Mr. Jeffries was a retired construction worker. He moved to Eldon in 1960 when he retired. A veteran of World War I, he served in Company D of the 34th Regular Infantry. He was a member of Eldon VFW Post 2422. Surviving him are nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Griswold Kays Funeral Home with the Rev. Gilbert Pearson and the Rev. Arnim Ray officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Obituary: Unknown Publication

Lloyd "Red" Snelling, 49, Kaiser, a lifelong resident of the area, died Sunday, November 8, 1981 of an apparent heart attack. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital.

Mr. Snelling was a self-employed stone mason. His death occurred only five days before his 50th birthday. Mr. Snelling was born November 13, 1931 in Kaiser, son of Robert and Mary Edna (Jeffries) Snelling. His mother survives at Kaiser. He was married at Kaiser Dec. 29, 1974 to Patricia Diane Muse, who survives at the home. Also surviving are two daughters, Heather Corinna Snelling of the home and Mrs. Sharon Lea Green of Eldon; two sons, Benjamin Lloyd Snelling of the home and DeWayne Snelling of Eldon; one sister, Mrs. Lea Bilyeu of Kaiser, and one brother, Alvin Floyd Snelling of Kaiser; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at New Hope Baptist Church near Kaiser with the Rev. Curtis Wilson officiating. Burial was in the New Hope Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Griswold-Kays Funeral Home of Eldon.

Obituary: Unknown Publication

Mary Frances McDowell, daughter of Bluford and Martha McDowell was born near Kaiser, MO, 1 February 1862, and passed away, January 1, 1945, being 82 years 11 months of age at the time of her death.

During the year 1882 she was united in marriage to Derrick Jeffries and to this union eight children were born, namely: Mrs. Nellie Barnett (Daniel) of Everest, Kansas, Mrs. Nettie Kaiser (Edward), Mrs. Martha Hogue (Orvil Franklin - Frank), and Mrs. Edna Snellings (Robert L), of Kaiser. Mrs. Beatrice George (Weaver Fields of Olean, Mrs. Gertrude Snelling (Roscoe)
of Blackston, VA, and two sons who preceded her in death. The husband also preceded Mrs. Jeffries in death.

Besides the children, she leaves two brothers, William R. and George W. McDowell; one sister, Sarah Dinwiddie (Mrs. James W.), and a host of grandchildren, other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Soon after her marriage she was converted and united with the Baptist Church at New Hope and had lived a clean, respectable life the remainder of her days, rearing her children to be honest, respectable citizens and administering to their every needs. She has toiled long hours and was always a loving mother and loyal companion, who has done her tasks well, never tiring of life but patiently waiting for her call to come higher. Her last sickness only lasted a few days and she went to sleep no more to awaken. Her children will surely miss her, but while they would not call her back, they can go to her and her spirit and influence shall live on to guide them during their dark days of trouble.

Funeral services were held at New Hope Church at 2 pm on January 3 by Reverend Virgil Smith of Brumley. Interment was in New Hope Cemetery, directed by Kays Funeral Service.

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Mid-Missouri newspaper, December 1973

**Stanley J. Morgan**, St., 45, Henley died Sunday at his home (12 Dec. 1973). Mr. Morgan was born May 25, 1928 at Mary's Home, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Rehagen Morgan. On Oct. 28, 1950, he was married at Mary's Home to the former Rose Bax, who survives.

A US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, and a lifelong resident of the community. He was a carpenter.

Other survivors include; Two sons, Michael Morgan of Russellville and Stanley J. Morgan, Jr. of Mary's Home; three daughters, Mrs. Wanda Moore of Mary's Home, Miss Deborah Morgan and Miss Christie Morgan, both of the home; three brothers, Donald Morgan and Robert Morgan, both of Osage City, and Marshall Morgan of Eldon. Four sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Slatas of Palmyra, Mrs. Shirley Mulrenin of Lebanon, Mrs. Delores Burns of Holts Summit and Mrs. Alice Bounds of Jefferson City; and four granddaughters.

The rosary will be prayed at 8 pm today at the Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Eldon. Funeral Services will be held at 10 am Tuesday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home conducted by the Ft. Leonard Wood military team.

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Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, March 2009

**Martha J. Atwell**, age 74, of Olathe, Kansas, formerly of Eldon, died Monday, March 9, 2009, at Evergreen Nursing Center. She was born in St. Louis on November 28, 1934, a daughter of the late Eugene and Mary (Davis) Hasty. In November 1952, she was married to Bill Atwell who preceded her in death in 1987.

Martha J. Atwell may best be described as one who made a decision to receive the Love of Christ, and then pass it along to others. She understood the difference between simply “doing” for others and “living” for the sake of others; giving her time, energy and resources. Martha considered her family to be among the greatest gifts she would receive in this life. This mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and friend leaves behind a legacy of prayer, giving, commitment, kindness, integrity and gentleness. Her investment reaps generational dividends. We are reminded that loving well, matters. Martha was a member of Church of the Nazarene in Eldon.

Those who survive her include: six children, Mark Atwell of Olathe, Kansas, Terry Atwell and wife Dawn of Spring Hill, Kansas, Steve Atwell and wife Kathy of Cleveland, Rebecca Phillips of Spring Hill, Kansas, Margaret Tyler and husband Don of Lenexa, Kansas and Joel Atwell and wife Linda of Spring Hill, Kansas; 18 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Ann Bryan and husband Charles of St. Charles and Ruth Ann Fry and husband Richard of Eldon; one niece and three nephews.
Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with services immediately following at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12 at Church of the Nazarene in Eldon. Rev. Jerry Frye will officiate. Interment will be held in Eldon City Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Nazarene World Mission.

Emma L. (Davis) Smith, age 88, of Brumley, passed away Monday, March 9, 2009, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born in Miller County on February 4, 1921, daughter of Willie and Lela (Miller) Davis. On December 11, 1970, in Junction City, Kansas, she married Bobby Smith, who preceded her in death on September 23, 2006.

She is survived by 19 children, Roy Halderman, Minnie Martin, Alma Sanford, David Halderman, Larry Halderman, Lonnie Halderman, Geraldine Hasenbank, Stanley Halderman, Fritz Halderman Jr., Linda Ortiz, Jimmie McNown, Jonnie McNown, Debra Royal, Tamara Dotson, Debra Flatt, Edward Dirkson, Melvin Smith, Bonnie Smith, and Richard Smith; three stepchildren, Daniel Miller, Adelia Miller, and Allen Miller; one sister Geraldine Kaiser of Brumley; 60 grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Loren Halderman; one sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. A private family graveside service will be held in Robinett Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the National Kidney Foundation.

Anonymous Publication, October 1981

Claude Wilson, 74, Rte. 1, Tuscumbia, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 1981, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City. Mr. Wilson was born July 7, 1907, at Tuscumbia to Rector and Icie Bell Flaugher Wilson. His mother survives at Jefferson City.

On June 18, 1930, he was married at Tuscumbia to Eula Casey, who survives at the home. Mr. Wilson was a retired carpenter and spent most of his life in the Tuscumbia area.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by five sons, Harold and Danny Wilson, both of Iberia, and Sherrill, Ronald and Tony Wilson, all of Tuscumbia; three daughters, Mrs. Doris Cross, Mrs. Phyllis LeHigh and Mrs. Connie Kempker, all of Tuscumbia; a brother, Elvin Wilson of Etterville; a sister, Mrs. Lois Swanson, Jefferson City; and 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home at Iberia with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Ramsey Cemetery near Tuscumbia.

Anonymous Publication, March 1974

Funeral services were held in Eldon Monday for a former Miller County resident, James Harold Woolery of Escondido, Calif. Mr. Woolery, 58, died Thursday, March 28, 1974, at Palamar Memorial Hospital in Escondido. He was a concrete contractor there.

Mr. Woolery was born Aug. 23, 1915 at Ulman, the son of Elvin and Ollie (Crismon) Woolery. He was a veteran of World War II service with the United States Army, and was a member of the Elks Club.

Mr. Woolery is survived by his father at Clarksburg; his mother at Fortuna; three sons, Harold Woolery, now in Japan, Bill Woolery, Tampa, Fla., and Bob Woolery, Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Mrs. Dale (Andra) Parsons, in Canada; seven grandchildren; on brother, Caroll Woolery, Monroe, La., and one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, Kansas City.

Officiating minister at the services at 1 p.m. Monday at Philips Funeral Chapel in Eldon was George Igo of Tipton. Burial was in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.
Mrs. Minnie Fern Williams, 89, of 102 E. Jemphrey, Eldon, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 1978. She was a former store owner and operator at Ulm.

She was born April 6, 1889, at Iberia to Joseph D. and Azalea E. (Hughes) James. Aug. 1, 1909, she was married at Iberia to Lee Roy Williams, who died April 15, 1976.

She and her husband operated Williams Store at Ulman for 54 years. They moved to Eldon in 1975 when they retired. Mrs. Williams was a member of the Ulman Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Nina A. Jones and Mrs. Azalea C. James, both of Eldon, and Betty Jean Gench, Adaran; a son, Donald Williams, Eldon; a sister, Mrs. Jessie J. Lehr, Eldon; a brother, Aluis B. James, Iberia; and nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A son, Lee Roy Williams, Jr., and two infant children preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Charles Cox and the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in Hickory Point Cemetery near Iberia.

Haskell Francis Lupardus, 73, of Ulman, died Saturday, April 25, 1970, at his home.

Mr. Lupardus was born Jan. 6, 1897 in Alton, Ill., the son of Henry and Lena (Lamb) Lupardus. He was married Nov. 29, 1916 to Luzon Helton, who survives. Mr. Lupardus was a member of the Ulman Christian Church and taught a young people’s class. He was also a member of the Ulman Saddle Club and secretary of the Ulman Farmers Exchange.

Surviving besides his wife, Luzon, are: one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wootten, of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, James Lupardus of Ulman, and Bill Lupardus of Kansas City; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Helton and Mrs. Joan Roark, both of Ulman, and two brothers, Harley Lupardus of Ulman, and Ted Lupardus of Kansas City.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Ulman Christian Church with Raymond Bond, pastor of the church, and Leo Senevey of Jefferson City officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Tusculum, under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Virgil Roark, Dwight McDonald, Larry Helton, Carl McDonald, Jack Lupardus and Buster McGowin.

Obituary of David S. Caldwell

David S. Caldwell, prominent Richland, Missouri business man, succumbed in the Jewish Hospital in St. Louis Sunday morning following weeks of illness. Mr. Caldwell had suffered a heart attack while attending an oil meeting in St. Louis last week.

Mr. Caldwell was a former Mayor of Richland and served on the school board and was a city counsel member of times. He was a native of Swedesborg. He moved to Richland in 1928 and entered the oil business. In 1932, Mr. Caldwell and the late Mort Hawkins formed the Caldwell-Hawkins Oil Company and operated the company in Lebanon and Cabool. Mr. Hawkins later purchased the Cabool business.

Mr. Caldwell was prominent in democratic circles and served on the staff of Governor Phil Dennely during his first term in office. He was also a delegate to the Democratic Convention in 1948 when Harry Truman was nominated as standard bearer. He was a member of the Masonic Order shrine in Springfield, and was also interested in the Crippled Children's hospital in Springfield.
Mr. Caldwell was the son of James and Rebecca Lee Caldwell, born in Pulaski County near Crocker Missouri on June 23, 1890. As a youth he was converted and joined the Zion Methodist church near Crocker. At age 22 he moved to Swedesborg and united with the Swedesborg Baptist church. On July 8, 1936 he transferred his membership to the Swedesborg Baptist Church where he served till his death.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, Feb 16, 1954 at 2:30 pm. at the Richland Baptist church with the Rev. J.O.Brown officiating. Masonic rites were held at the cemetery. He was buried in the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, February 1973

Fred O. Patterson, age 90 years, of Ulman, Mo., passed away Saturday, February 10, 1973, at the Jones Nursing Home near Tuscumbia, Mo. Mr. Patterson was born February 18, 1882 in Miller County near Ulman, Mo., the son of Bead and Camilla (Nixdorf) Patterson. He was married January 19, 1907 to Minnie Lupardus, who survives. Mr. Patterson lived in and around Ulman all his life where he farmed. He had been a member of the Ulman Christian Church since June 7, 1942, where he served as Deacon of the Church. He was baptized by Rev. John Darby.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Bead and Camilla Patterson; one sister, Mrs. Belle Dawson and four brothers, Rig Patterson, Joe Patterson, Will Patterson and Perry Patterson. Surviving other than his wife, Minnie are: one son, Tennyson F. Patterson of Ulman, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Luna Powell of Kansas City, Mo.; one granddaughter, Mrs. Mina McGowin of Ulman, Mo.; two step grandsons Clyde and John. *Balance of obituary missing. He is buried at Hickory Point Cemetery in Miller Co.*

Unknown Publication, December 1981

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Mr. Flaugher retired in 1968 from American _____ after 37 years. He moved to the Capps community _______. He was a member of the Humphrey Creek Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, James and Wayne Flaugher, both of Granite City, and Glen Flaugher, Collinsville, Ill.; a daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Ficker, Granite City; four brothers, Iven Flaugher, Peoria, Ill., Glen Flaugher, Glen Carbon, Ill., and Fred and Lloyd Flaugher, both of Tuscumbia; three sisters, Mrs. Viola Pendleton, Rushville, Ill., and Mrs. Dorothy Hobe man, Union, Mo., and 12 grandchildren. One son, Warren, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at the church with Bro. Floyd Barlow officiating. Burial will be in Capps Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, July 1973

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for William Elsia Flaugher, 82, a retired farmer. He died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 1973, at the home of a son, Bennie, Rte. 3, Eldon, where he made his home. Mr. Flaugher had lived in the Tuscumbia community most of his life.

He was born Oct. 8, 1890 at Tuscumbia, the son of the late James and Mary (Clark) Flaugher. He was married in 1916 to Pearl Carrie. His wife died Feb. 1, 1947.

Mr. Flaugher leaves two sons, Bennie Flaugher of Eldon and Virgil Flaugher of St. Charles; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Rook of Iberia and
Mrs. Icie Wilson of Tuscumbia; and two brothers, Elmer Flaugher and Charlie Flaugher, both of Tuscumbia. He is buried in the Tuscumbia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, Thursday, June 29, 1978

Wade Ray Clark, 62, Oroville, Calif., a former Tuscumbia and Iberia resident, died Friday, June 23, 1978, at an Oroville hospital. He was born July 22, 1915, at Tuscumbia to Carl and Maude Snelling Clark. In 1948 he was married to Goldie Cook at Quincey, Calif. She died in 1957.

Mr. Clark was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He worked in construction in California until ill health forced his retirement.

Surviving are one step-son, Geri Nielson, Feather Falls, Calif.; three brothers, Gerald Clark and Junior Clark, both of Iberia, and Wayne Clark, Granite City, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Wyrick, Riverbank, Calif.; and five step-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Cemetery with the Rev. James Hill officiating. Interment was under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, November 1974

William H. “Bill” Clark, 64, Iberia, died suddenly Friday, Nov. 22, 1974, at his home. Mr. Clark was born Jan. 9, 1910, in Miller County near Claxby to Henry and Cora (McDonald) Clark. He was married April 30, 1932 by the Rev. George Warman to Margie Jane Shelton, who survives at the home.

He lived all his life in Miller County, where he farmed and had been a truck driver. In 1947 he moved into Iberia where he was employed by Kinders A.G. Grocery for 13 years and the Iberia M.F.A. Grocery until April 3, 1974. Mr. Clark was baptized at the Smyrna Church of Christ and later became a member of the Bray’s Advent Christian Church, where he was a former trustee and deacon. He was former worthy patron of the Iberia Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 537, former worshipful master of the Iberia Masonic Lodge 410 AF&AM, a charter member of the Iberia Lion’s Club, present vice president of the Iberia Lions Club and a former member of Modern Woodsmen.

He was preceded in death by his mother in Jan 1944; his father in May 1945 and one brother, Elmo, on Dec. 16, 1925. Surviving, other than his wife are: two daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Lou DeVore and Mrs. Roberta Sue Prather, both of Iberia; two grandsons, Mitchell Dale DeVore and Christopher Gale DeVore both of Iberia; two granddaughters, Donna Sue Prather and Carrie Leann Prather, both of Iberia; one brother, Floyd P. Clark of Lebanon; and one sister, Miss Erma Clark of Iberia.

Masonic services were held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Stevinson Chapel by the Iberia Lodge 410 AF&AM. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Bray’s Advent Christian Church with the Rev. Aldon Veach officiating. Burial was in the Union Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Active pallbearers were Floyd Wayne Clark, Ronnie Clark, Larry Shelton, Ben Voss, Fred Schaffer and Maurice Mace. Honorary pallbearers were Hezzy Henson, Isaac Smith, Herman Shockley, Virgil Ponder, Henry Leffmann, Bill Woody, Raymond Gardner and Jennings McKee.

Mrs. Jessie Lee Perkins, 81, Iberia, passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 1974, at her home. She was born in Miller County near Iberia on June 30, 1893, the daughter of John and Nancy (Hopkins) Irwin. She was united in marriage on June 24, 1925, in Iberia to Elmer Clay Perkins, who preceded her in death on June 9, 1968. Mrs. Perkins taught school in Alder Springs, Ulman, Richland and Iberia. She lived in Iberia until 1925 when, after her marriage, she moved to St. Louis. In September of 1929 they returned to Iberia, where she lived the rest of her life.
Mrs. Perkins was a member of the Iberia United Church of Christ Congregational, was secretary of the church board for many years, was former Miller County Richwoods Township Registrar and was Past Worthy Matron of Iberia Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 537. She also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Also preceding her in death were: one daughter, Ruth Ann, on July 1, 1929; one brother, Earl, on Oct. 2, 1956; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Trippe, on Aug. 3, 1959; and her father on July 22, 1941, and her mother on April 7, 1940.

Surviving are: one son, Robert L. Perkins of Iberia; one brother, Sedden Irwin of Iberia; two grandsons, Dennis and Steven, both of Springfield; and two granddaughters, Mrs. LeAnn Ford of Springfield and Patricia Perkins of Iberia.

Eastern Star services were held at 8 p.m. Saturday, at Stevinson Chapel in Iberia. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Iberia United Church of Christ Congregational with the Rev. Earl Brown officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Bob Law, Okley Kinder, Paul Shelton, Jack White, Dennis Perkins and Steve Perkins.

Mid-Missouri Newspaper, July 1972

Alvis L. Bailey, 64, of Rte. 2, Iberia, died at his home Thursday, July 6, 1972. Mr. Bailey was born Nov. 15, 1907 near St. Anthony, in Miller County, the son of Robert and Deliah (Burlingame) Bailey. He was married Jan. 9, 1930 at Tuscumbia to Velma Clark who survives. Mr. Bailey lived all of his life in Miller County, near St. Anthony where he was a farmer and stockman. On January 1, 1950, he started the Bailey Truck Line in Iberia. He also drove a school bus for St. Anthony for 12 years. Mr. Bailey was a member of the Fairview Christian Church and the Miller County Foxhunters’ Assn.

Surviving other than his wife, Velma, are one son, Ellis Bailey of Iberia; four daughters, Mrs. Wilma Helton of Scott Air force Base, Ill.; Mrs. Velma Jean Nichelson and Mrs. Mathel Alexander, both of Dixon, and Mrs. Annette Dake of Iberia; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Grosvenor of St. Elizabeth; one brother, Willis Bailey of Eldon and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Fairview Christian church with the Rev. Mark Sooter and the Rev. Gary Gulley officiating. Burial was in the Jarrett Cemetery near Iberia under the direction of the Stevinson funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Donald Jarrett, Herb Otto, Charles Voss, Leonard Bax, Henry Heckemeyer and Urban Voss.

Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home Web site, March 2009

Dorothy J. Fish, age 73, of Iberia, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at Ozark Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Osage Beach. She was born in Edwardsville, Kansas, on March 21, 1935, daughter of Clifford and Essie (Luttrell) Witt. On May 18, 1957, in Kansas City, Dorothy married James W. Fish, who survives at the home.

She is also survived by three children, Rhonda Moore of Iberia, Donna Adkins of Eldon, and Steven Fish of Iberia; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Lou Starnes of Iberia and Linda Phillips of Brumley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Daniel Fish and James A. Fish; and one grandson, David Adkins.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2009, in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Rev. Dennis Nichols will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Dorothy Fish Memorial Fund.

Phillips Funeral Home Web site, March 2009

Shane Rebstock, age 50, of Eldon, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009 near Eldon, Mo. He was born on August 14, 1958 in Dallas Texas the son of Karl and Ann (Heldstab) Rebstock.
Shane graduated from Eldon High School in 1976 where he was one of the top ten in his class. He graduated in 1981 from the University of Missouri in Columbia earning a bachelors degree in business. He lived in Phoenix, Arizona for seven years before moving back to Eldon. He had a passion for golf, cars, motorcycles, music and he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Shane is survived by his father, Karl Rebstock of Eldon; aunts and uncle, Ethel and Dorsie Wilson of Eldon, Byrl Rebstock of Kansas City, Mo, Adell Rebstock of Sugarland, Texas, along with many cousins and friends. Shane is preceded in death by his mother, Ann Rebstock.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 14, 2009 from Noon to 2:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral Service will be Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 2:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with Don Renken, Minister officiating. Burial will be in the Eldon City Cemetery in Eldon, Mo. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Mary R. DeBoer 74, of Eldon, Missouri, passed away Saturday March 7, 2009 at Lake Regional Health Systems in Osage Beach, Missouri. She was born on January 2, 1935 in Buena Vista, Colorado to the late Amos and "Bab" Isabel (Wells) Taylor, Sr. On February 7, 1959 she was married in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Kenneth R. DeBoer who survives of the home.

Others that survive her are: a daughter, Novenda DeBoer of Sunrise Beach, Missouri; grandsons, Kenneth Massey of Sunrise Beach, Missouri; Austin Massey of Sunrise Beach, Missouri; brothers, Amos Taylor, Jr. of the state of Illinois; Jim Taylor of the state of Wyoming; and half sisters, Penny, Connie, & Yavon.

She was preceded in death by a son, Melton DeBoer, two brothers, and one sister. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Eldon Branch. Her body will be cremated and private interment on the family farm will be held at a later date.

Mid Missouri Newspaper, August 1974

Graveside services were held Saturday, August 12, 1971 at the Gott Cemetery for the infant son (David Bires) of Patrick and Mary (Hernandez) Bires of Ulman, who passed away Aug. 11, 1971 at the Tuscumbia Eldon Clinic, Tuscumbia.

The infant is survived by one brother, Matthew, of the home; paternal grandparents, Raymond and Mary Bires of Ulman; paternal great-grandfather, Alvin Bires of the state of Washington; maternal grandparents, Jessie and Fermina Hernandez of Kansas city and maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Patrice Gerreca, also of Kansas City.

Burial was under the direction Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. The retired Rev. Msgr. John S. Kenny officiated.

Unknown Publication, November 1977

Tragedy struck near Tuscumbia Friday night when two young residents of the community were fatally injured in a collision of their two cars on Hwy. 52. The accident claimed the lives of John S. Hawk, 20, a concrete construction worker who lived south across the river from Tuscumbia, and Mary Christine (Christy) Graves, 16, a Tuscumbia High School student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Graves, who was within a mile of her family home when the accident occurred.

The State Highway Patrol said the eastbound car driven by Mr. Hawk was on the wrong side of the road when it struck Miss Graves’ approaching car nearly head-on. Both were alone in their cars. Scene of the 9:50 p.m. accident was about a mile west of Tuscumbia near the Ross Adcocks’ home.

Mr. Hawk was pronounced dead at the scene by Billy F. Cochran, Miller County Coroner. Miss Graves was taken to Charles E. Still Hospital, Jefferson City, where she was pronounced dead of her injuries.
The accident occurred as she was returning home from the two basketball games at Tusculumbia High School where she had participated as a member of the girls’ team and as a cheerleader for the boys’ game. School was dismissed at Tusculumbia on Monday and flags in the town flew at half mast.

MARY CHRISTINE GRAVES

Funeral services for Mary Christine (Christy) Graves were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Tusculumbia Baptist Church. Christy was born March 3, 1961 at Humphreys Clinic in Tusculumbia, the daughter of Raymond and Mary (Warren) Graves who survive at the home on Hwy. 52 west of Tusculumbia. She lived most all of her life in Missouri except for summers spent in Alaska where her father was employed in construction work. Christy worked the past summer in Fairbanks, Alaska, as a swimming instructor, and the summers of 1975 and 1976 in Cordova, Alaska, where she also attended the first quarter of her freshman year of high school.

Christy was a junior at Tusculumbia High School where she was president of her class, played clarinet in the band, was a varsity cheerleader in 1976-77 and again in 1977-78, played girls’ varsity basketball and softball and was a member of the chorus. She had achieved the first quarter honor roll, just announced last week.

She had been a swimming instructor for the Miller County Red Cross and a lifeguard. Christy had been baptized in May, 1969, by the Rev. Calude Stevens at Aurora Springs, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tusculumbia.

Surviving other than her parents are three brothers, Randal S. Graves of Fort Worth, Tex., and John W. Graves and Michael R. Graves, both of Tusculumbia; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Warren of Tusculumbia; two sisters-in-law, Archannett Graves and Marena Graves, and one niece, Mary Lynn. Her paternal grandparents, Walter and Oma Graves, preceded her in death.

The Rev. Bob Stevenson and the Rev. Clinton Roberson officiated at the funeral services Monday afternoon. Burial was in the Tusculumbia Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Kent Hodel, Jim Wright, Tom Wright, Monty Graves, Dean Patterson, and Robbie Schekorra.

The family suggested that memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Tusculumbia High School.

JOHN STEVEN HAWK

Funeral services for John Steven Hawk were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Union where Mr. Hawk formerly lived and attended school. He was born Oct. 29, 1967 at Kirkwood, the son of Harold Gene and Patricia Hawk. His parents survive at Climax Springs.

Mr. Hawk was married to the former Wanda Worstell of Union who survives at the home near Tusculumbia. He also leaves a small daughter, Lisa Marie, of the home; a sister, Mrs. Kathy Hultz of Warrenton; his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Dost of Climax Springs; a great-grandmother, Mrs. Dost of Union; and a great-grandfather, Lee Rush of Mary’s Home.

Mr. Hawk was employed with Roger Sandfort Concrete Construction Co., with which he had worked the past year.

The Rev. Alan Hannaford of the First Christian Church of Union officiated at the funeral services for Mr. Hawk Monday afternoon at Ottmann Funeral Home in Union. Burial was in the Midlawn Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, December 1933

Mrs Granstaff Dies - Funeral Held Sunday for Mother, 81, who lived here many years

Mrs. Walker Granstaff, who had spent many years in Eldon community and had lived in the city for nearly thirty years, passed away, Friday, December 11, 1933. She was formerly Miss
Sarah Welch Holloway and was born May 20, 1852. In 1868 she was married to Walker Granstaff and to them nine children were born.

Mr. Granstaff and four of the children preceded her in death and five of the children are living, Arthur and Charles P Granstaff of Eldon, Mrs. E. D. Stiffler of Jefferson City, Mrs. Annah Brooks of Marshalltown, Iowa, and Mrs. Josie Wenans of Osseo, Minnesota.

Mrs. Granstaff is also survived by one brother, Melton Holloway of Clarksburg and one sister, Mrs. Bettie Bond of Iberia. She became a member of the Christian Church early in life and labored faithfully in her Christian service throughout her life time.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. A. L. Alexander and burial was made at the Eldon Cemetery with Phillips Funeral Home service.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, December 1974

Walter Bungart, 70, Huntington, Calif., died Saturday (December 13, 1975) at his home. He formerly lived near Mary's Home before moving to California in 1932. He was born Aug. 19, 1905 near Mary's Home, the son of William and Kathryn Berendzen Bungart.

He was married May 24, 1932 at Mary's Home to Marie Ball, who survives. Mr. Bungart was a member of the Catholic Church.

Other survivors include: two brothers, Carl Bungart, Eldon; and Otto Bungart, Melvern, Kans.; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Kempker, Eugene; and Mrs. Josie Feig, Tucson, Ariz.

Services and burial will be Wednesday in California.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, June 1974

Mrs. Theresa E. Boeckman, 80, of St. Elizabeth, died Friday (June 7, 1974) at Charles E. Still Hospital. She was born on Feb. 28, 1894 in Miller County, the daughter of Anton and Josephine Hake Duebbert.

She was married on Sept. 30, 1913, in St. Anthony, to Henry H. Boeckman, who died on May 19, 1959. She was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth, and of the St. Ann's Sodality.

Survivors include: five daughters, Mrs. Agnes Signaigo, Mrs. Martha Plassmeyer and Mrs. Marcella Schwartz, all of Jefferson City; Mrs. Irene Utley, Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Ann Wilson, Wentzville; two sons, Louis Boeckman, St. Ann's and Frank Boeckman, Woodstock, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkweg, St. Elizabeth; one brother, John Duebbert, Bellflower; 38 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A rosary will be prayed today and Monday at the Stevinson Chapel, St. Elizabeth. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at the St. Lawrence Catholic church, St. Elizabeth with the Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Burial will be in the St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, March 2009

Trudy Elaine (Strickland) Ward, age 56, of Poplar Bluff, died Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center. She was born in Risco on December 21, 1952, a daughter of the late Bobby and Della (Shelby) Strickland.

Those who survive her include: two daughters, Heather Colter of Poplar Bluff and Crystal Whaley of Texas; two brothers, Robert Strickland and wife Janet of Poplar Bluff and Dan Strickland and wife Vicki of Eldon and one aunt, Baudeen Baker of Dexter.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center.

Leland Dale Hutchinson, age 71, of Tuscumbia, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2009, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. He was born in St. Louis on August 20, 1937, son of William J. and Irene (Spivey) Hutchinson. On April 17, 1986, in Las Vegas,

Leland was an Iron worker with I.W.A #433 and he also served in the U.S. Army. He attended Bray’s Advent Christian Church near Iberia.

He is survived by one sister, Thalia Rowe of Nashville, Tennessee; seven children, Sherry Berry of St. Clair, Joyce Wood of Lake Ozark, Diana Simpson of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, Clinton Porter of Iberia, Leland Hutchinson Jr., James Hutchinson, and Kimberly Hutchinson; ten grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; and five brothers and sister, Vera Hutchinson, Juanita Hutchinson, William “Bill” Hutchinson, Myra Parish, and Rodney Hutchinson.

Visitation will be from 11:00-11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009, at Bray’s Advent Christian Church with a memorial service immediately following. Pastor Don Brown will officiate.

Paul Laffey, age 89, died March 18, 2009 at his home near Eldon, Missouri. He was born on June 8, 1919 in West Point, Illinois to the late Timothy and Nellie (Clampitt) Laffey. On April 12, 1947 he was married in Naperville, Illinois to Blanche (Feldott) Laffey who survives of the home. Also surviving are: three sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Noreen Laffey of St. Louis, MO, James Laffey and Linda Espinosa of Columbia, MO, Patrick & Priscilla Laffey of Austin, TX; two daughters, Nancy Laffey of Eldon, MO and Mary Laffey of Columbia, MO; six grandchildren, Andrea, Samantha, Kelly, David, Courtney, and Aaron; two sisters, Mary Clarey of Peoria, IL and Helen Dixon of Fort Wayne, IN.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, John Laffey, and sisters, Donna, Irene, & Josephine.

He graduated from the University of Illinois. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, where he was a bomber pilot. After his service to his country, he worked for the Illinois Farm Bureau, and Country Life Insurance Companies of Illinois. He became the first employee of Farm Family Insurance Companies where he was the General Manager and CEO for eighteen years. He moved to Eldon in 1971 where he owned a cow & calf operation for nineteen years.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon, where he was instrumental in the building of the Catholic Center, and the Rectory expansion of the church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for sixty-nine years. He was one of the original directors in the building of the Eldon Nursing Home, and the Eldon Community Center. He was the leader in adding the second nine holes to the Eldon Country Club. He was also very proud of his six holes in ones. He helped to establish the Gateway Industry of Eldon and he was a member of the VFW Post #2442 of Eldon.

Visitation will be held on Friday March 20, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home Eldon, MO from 5:00-8:00PM, with a Rosary prayed at 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday March 21, 2009 at Sacred Heart Church Eldon, MO at 11:00 AM, with Fr. Fred Elskamp officiating. Interment will follow the Funeral Mass at the Eldon City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials for Paul are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or the American Heart Association.

Clarence Marion Hayward, age 77, of Eugene, MO. died Thursday, March 19, 2009 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City, MO. He was born on April 16, 1931 in Galena, KS the son of the late Clarence William and Climen Susan (Lamb) Hayward. He was married on June 24, 1955 in Joplin, MO. to Iris Lucile (Davis) Hayward.
Clarence served his country for four years in the United States Air Force. He was a member of Asbestos Workers Union Local #63. He was a member of Eugene Christian Church in Eugene, MO.

He is survived by his wife, Iris Hayward of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Patty and Tim Moeller of Eldon, MO., Sharon and Scott Hennig of Georgetown, OH; sons and daughter-in-laws, Doug and Susan Hayward of Pleasant Hope, Mo., Steve and Rhonda Hayward of Papua New Guinea; sisters Donna Sue Ryon, Charlene Stockton, and Edwina Morey all of Galena, KS.; brother Melvin Hayward of Galena, KS.; fifteen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be on Sunday, March 22, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, MO. Funeral Service will be on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the Eugene Christian Church in Eugene with Pastor Scott Hennig officiating. Interment will be in the Eugene Cemetery will full military honors being presented by the Eldon V.F.W. Post #2442. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Show-Me Christian Youth Home.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, March 19, 2009

Veda Mock, 90, of Olathe, Kan., died Monday, Feb 2, 2009, at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe, Kan. She was born Sep. 14, 1918, in Linn Creek. She was married March 3, 1941, to James Mock.

Mrs. Mock worked as a seamstress for Nelly Don Garment Factory in Kansas City. Surviving are two sisters, Freida Wallis and Ina Mae Wyrick, both of this area, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Highland Park Cemetery Mausoleum in Kansas City, Kan. Arrangements were under the direction of Porter Funeral Home and Cremator in Kansas City, Kan.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Thursday, March 12, 2009

Cornelia Olive Robinett, 93, Versailles, passed away Monday, March 9, 2009, at her home. She was born June 23, 1915 in St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of the late William Otto and Cleo Blankenship Thompson.

She is survived by one son, Robert Robinett, Versailles; one daughter, Virginia McKinley of Versailles; one sister, Bernice Coates of Garland, Texas; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Interment will follow in Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Iberia Sentinel, Thursday, March 5, 2009

John Wayne Robinett, 74, of Brumley died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born July 29, 1934, in Ames, Iowa, to John Amos and Lydia Odessa Catron Robinett. On Sept. 20, 1959, he was married to Dorothy Irene Luttrell, who died Sept. 7, 1995.

Mr. Robinett served in the U.S. Army from March 7, 1957, until March 17, 1959 and was honorably discharged. He worked as a carpenter and rock mason for many years.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Wayne and Cathy Robinett of Kaiser and Thomas Eugene Robinett of Brumley; three daughters and their husbands, Tammy Michael and Dennis Cooper and Anna Kay and Raymond Jeffries, all of Brumley, and Carolyn Irene and Mark Sooter of Rolla; 13 grandchildren, Elizabeth and Dillon Cooper, Stephanie and Mark Sooter, Thomas and Joshua Robinett, Holly Espasito and Julie Robinett, Hollylynn Robinett, Junita Lemire, Hillary Jeffries and Douglas Jeffries; and 19 great-grandchildren.
Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Robinett Cemetery near Brumley with Pastor Brian Duncan officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach.

Sheila Bowen, 61, of Hillsdale, formerly of Iberia, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at her home. She was born Dec. 14, 1947, in Carthnersville to Pete and Marge Moore Cravens. She was married July 17, 1973, to Danny Bowen who died in 1996.

Surviving are four daughters and their husbands, Demetria and Nicholas Adzic of Jonesville, Christina and Ty Moore of Vilolina, Ark., Connie Holloway of Iberia and Lisa and Eugene Russell of Eldon; a son and his wife, Darrell and Myrna Monday of Eldon; eight sisters, six brothers, 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 28 at Eagle Funeral Home in Jonesville. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Iberia. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Scrivner Morrow Funeral Home Web Site, March 2009

John W. Meyer, age 69, of Olean, died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia. He was born March 28, 1939, on the family farm, known as the Musick place in the Enon area, the second child of J. Henry and Erma Proctor Meyer. On May 21, 1972, in Green Ridge, Missouri, John married Beverly Tising and she survives at their home.

He attended schools at Olean and Grant and graduated from High Point R-III in the 1st class in 1953. He graduated from Eldon High School in 1957. He was an Army veteran, serving from January 1962, to November 1963. He took basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood and also was stationed at Colorado, Wisconsin and spent 13 months in Korea, attached to a military advisory group (KMA).

John resided on the farm where he was born. He was a farmer, and also worked for Dr. Robert Groves, DVM and at the Olean Livestock Market, Inc. He was a member of the Olean Christian Church and served on the Olean Cemetery Board.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ardyce and Bill Shipman of Blue Springs, Missouri and Mary and Lonnie Harper of Grain Valley, Missouri; one sister-in-law, Saundra Tising Wiser of Jefferson City; Missouri, also three nieces, two nephews, other relatives and friends. John was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Arnold Meyer.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, March 21, at the Scrivner-Morrow Funeral Home in Russellville with Bro. Glen Golden officiating. Interment, with military funeral honors, will be in the Olean Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Friday, March 20, at the Scrivner-Morrow Funeral Home in Russellville. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Olean Cemetery.

Mid-Missouri newspaper - February 1978

Mrs. Martha E. Shell, 77, of St. Elizabeth, died Monday, Feb. 6 (1978) at a Jefferson City Hospital. A native of the St. Elizabeth community, she was born May 12, 1900, the daughter of Casper and Mary Stumpe Luebbert. On Sept. 30, 1924, she was married to Alphonse Schell, who died Oct. 2, 1973.

Mrs. Schell was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Ann's Sodality, and the Women's Progressive Farmers Association. She and her husband owned and operated the Schell General Store in St. Elizabeth for over 20 years.

Survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Keith, Tampa, Fla.; and Mrs. Lorraine Roling, Jefferson City; a son, Dr. Victor Schell, Upland, Calif.; a brother, Henry Luebbert, Kansas City, Kan.; two sisters, Mrs. Sophia Cooper and Mrs. Anna Luetkemeyer, both of Jefferson City; and 9 grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Wed., Feb. 8, at St. Lawrence Catholic church with Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Burial was in the parish Cemetery.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, August 1983

Mrs. Louisa Mary Luebbert, 68, Vienna, died Friday (August 19, 1983) at her residence. She was born April 21, 1915, at Linn, the daughter of John Louie and Marie Catherine Oligschlaeger Maasen.

On October 20, 1937, she was married at Argyle to William Clarence Luebbert, who died Oct. 5, 1981. Mrs. Luebbert was a member of the Visitation Catholic Church, Vienna, and the St. Ann's Sodality.

Survivors include: five sons, Bernard Luebbert and Arthur Luebbert, both of Vienna; Emil Luebbert, St. Louis; Joseph Luebbert, Meta; and Fred Luebbert, Koeltztown; three daughters, Mrs. Wilhelmina Borgmeyer, Osage Bend; Mrs. Betty Lederman, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Cathy Luebbert, Taos; one brother, Frank Maasen, Betram, Texas; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Van Loo, Argyle; Mrs. Elizabeth Van Loo, Belleville, Ill; and Mrs. Irene Schroeder, Argyle; and 17 grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Visitation Catholic Church, Vienna, with the Rev. Don Antweiler officiating. Burial was in the Visitation Cemetery, Vienna.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, March 1976

Bernard LeRoy Oligschlaeger, 54, of 1319 Rose Valley Dr., died Friday (March 19, 1976) at a Jefferson City hospital following an illness of about five months. A native of St. Elizabeth, Mr. Oligschlaeger was born Aug. 19, 1921, the son of Bernard F. and Alma E. Schell Oligschlaeger. His mother survives.

On Sept. 27, 1954, at Albuquerque, N. M., he was married to the former Miss Geraldine Clements, who also survives. Mr. Oligschlaeger was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic church where the funeral will be conducted Monday with the Rev. Richard Cronin officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society. Mr. Oligschlaeger was the owner of the St. Elizabeth Farm Supply firm.

Other survivors include: two sons, Mark L. Oliglschlaeger and Timothy A. Oligschlaeger, both of the home. Three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Even, 1700 Payne Dr.; and Miss Michelle Ann Oligschlaeger and Miss Elizabeth Diane Oligschlaeger, both of the home. One brother; Robert U. Oligschlaeger, Tuscmibia; and four sisters, Mrs. Blanche Kemna, 307 Hillview Dr.; Mrs. Dolores Ritter, Port Clinton, Ohio; Mrs. Jeanette Branch, 215 Center St., and Mrs. Helen Hirsch, 1507 Hough Park Rd.

The rosary will be recited today at the Dulle Funeral Home. Military rites at the grave will be conducted under the direction of the Missouri National Guard. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or St. Mary's Health Center are suggested.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, December 1976

Jacob A. Lueckenhoff, 56, of Quincy, Ill., died unexpectedly at noon Wednesday (December 8, 1976) at a Quincy hospital. Mr. Lueckenhoff was born July 28, 1921 at St. Elizabeth, son of Vernon and Gertrude Weidinger Lueckenhoff. He was married Sept. 11, 1948, to Phyllis Christy, in Jefferson City. His wife survives at the home.

Other survivors include; Two sons, Steven Lueckenhoff, Springfield, Ill.; Gregory Lueckenhoff, Hannibal; two brothers, Albert Lueckenhoff, Quincy, Ill.; John Lueckenhoff, Westphalia; two sisters, Mrs. Wilfred Teresa Adrian (?), St. Martins; and Mrs. Beatrice Kempker, Jefferson City.

Mr. Lueckenhoff was employed by Gardner-Denver Pump Co. in Quincy. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church at Quincy.
Services are scheduled for Saturday at Haugh and Son Funeral Home, Quincy, and at St. John's Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Quincy.

Miller County Autogram Sentinel, Thursday, Feb. 12, 1976

Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Lueckenhoff, 70, of Mary's Home, died Friday, February 6, 1976, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday at Our Lady of Snows Church, Mary's Home, the Rev. Henry Reichert officiating. She was born Sept. (3) 1905, at Mary's Home to August and Magdelene Kurtz Schulte. Feb. 9, 1926, she was married to John H. Lueckenhoff, who died Jan. 7, 1966. Mrs. Lueckenhoff lived all of her life in the Mary's Home community. She was a member of Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church and of the Altar Sodality.

Mrs. Lueckenhoff leaves two sons, Lawrence Lueckenhoff, Jefferson City; and August Lueckenhoff, Mt. Vernon, Mo.; four daughters - Mrs. Harold (Lucille) Bungart and Mrs. James (Rita) Clarkston, both of Jefferson City, and Mrs. Carl (Theresa) Rush and Mrs. Leander (Dorothy) Berendzen, both of Henley; six brothers - Richard, Francis and Willard Schulte, all of Eugene; Sylvester Schulte, Wasco, California; Louie Schulte, Axtell, Tex.; and Carl Schulte, Happy, Tex.; two sisters - Mrs. Mildred Boessen, St. Thomas; and Mrs. Ruby Buschjost, Eugene; and 30 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

The rosary was prayed Sunday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Burial was in the Mary's Home Cemetery. Nephews served as pallbearers.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, July 1976

Mrs. Margaret C. Holtmeyer, 37, of Iberia, died Tuesday morning (July 6, 1976) at a Columbia Hospital, where she had been a patient since April 2. She was born Aug. 25, 1938 near Mary's Home, the daughter of Herman J. and Elizabeth Lueckenhoff Lepper. She was married on Aug. 23, 1958 at Mary's Home to Victor W. Holtmeyer, who survives. Mrs. Holtmeyer was a member of the St. Anthony Catholic church, Iberia, and the Ladies Auxiliary of V. F. W. Post No. 6167 of Iberia.

Other survivors include: one son, Steven C. Holtmeyer of the home; three daughters, Deborah Holtmeyer, Mary Holtmeyer and Paula Ann Holtmeyer, all of the home; five brothers, Leonard Lepper, Ed Lepper, Joe Lepper and Andy Lepper, all of Mary's Home; and Norbert Lepper of Kansas City; and one sister, Mrs. Martha Talken of Jefferson City.

The rosary will be recited today at the St. Anthony Catholic Church Parish Hall, Iberia. Services will be Thursday at the St. Anthony Church, with the Rev. Jerome Jaworski and the Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery, under the direction of the Stevenson Funeral Home, Iberia. Memorial contributions to the Cancer Research Center have been suggested.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, December 1976

Herman John Sandbothe, 82, of Vienna, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1976 at the home of his son in Jefferson City. He was born Jan. 8, 1894, the son of Herman and Susan Ihler Sandbothe. He was married to Mathilda Redel, who died Jan. 31, 1966. On Oct. 1, 1966, he was married to Mrs. Josephine Temmen, who survives at the home.

Other survivors include: seven sons, Ambrose Sandbothe of Chesterfield; Charles Sandbothe, Vienna; Raymond Sandbothe, Taos; Clarence Sandbothe, Bridgeton; Louis Sandbothe, Linn; Arnold Sandbothe, Grandview; and Eugene Sandbothe, Jefferson City. Two daughters, Mrs. Rosemary Kaskie, Peoria, Ill.; and Mrs. Bernice Smith, Ballwin; one brother, Paul Sandbothe of Vienna; two sister, Mrs. Rosie Kaiser, Vienna; and Mrs. Genevieve Kopp, Washington; 54 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Visitation Catholic Church, Vienna, with burial following in the church cemetery."
Jefferson City News Tribune, Sunday April 11, 1999

Frances G. Wilbers Strope, 84, Jefferson City, died April 12, 1999, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born July 29, 1914, in St. Elizabeth, a daughter of John and Josephine Bode Wilbers. She was married to Otto Strope, who preceded her in death.

A former St. Elizabeth resident, she worked as a cosmetologist in the St. Louis area before retiring. She moved to Jefferson City 15 years ago. She had been a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth, and was a member of St. Ann's Sodality.

Survivors include: one niece, Sister Elizabeth Ann Wilbers, Los Angeles, California; and one nephew, Bernard Wilbers, Jefferson City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth. The Rev. John Degnan will officiate. Burial will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Rekus Funeral Home, St. Elizabeth, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1977

Mrs. Mary Gertrude Schulte, 90, Mary's Home, died Monday (Sept. 5, 1977) at Charles E. Still Hospital. Mrs. Schulte was born Dec. 29, 1886, at St. Elizabeth, a daughter of Benjamin (sp?) and Mary Scheppers Doerhoff. She was married Oct. 15, 1910, at Mary's Home to Herman C. Schulte, who died Dec. 16, 1958. Mrs. Schulte was a member of Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, and the Altar Sodality of that church. She taught school at St. Elizabeth for eight years prior to her marriage.

Survivors include: three daughters, Mrs. Augusta Kempker, Mary's Home; Mrs. Lois Shinn, Laddonia, and Mrs. Viola Sterburgen, LaJunta, Colo.; five sons, Otto Schulte, Columbia; Harold Schulte and Elmo Schulte, both of Eldon; Fred Schulte, Mary's Home; and Herman Schulte, Marshall; and one sister, Mrs. Cecelia Tappel, Westphalia; 29 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren.

The rosary will be recited Wednesday at the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Services will be held Thursday at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church with the Rev. Don Antweiler officiating. Burial will be in the Mary's Home Cemetery.

Unterrified Democrat, Feb. 1972

Mrs. Agnes K. Schulte, 74, Mary's Home, died Monday, Feb. 14, 1972, at Jones Boarding Home, Tusculumia. Mrs. Schulte was born Jan. 16, 1898 at St. Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry and Katherine Mormann Kirkweg. She married John A. Schulte in 1942 at Mary's Home. He died Oct. 19, 1955. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, and the church's Altar Society.

Survivors include: three step-sons - William Schulte and Ilde Schulte, both of St. Louis, and Ted Schulte of Loisway, California; four step-daughters - Mrs. Leonard (Norma) Lepper of Eugene, Mrs. Charles Thomas of Marshall and Mrs. Helen Wolfe and Mrs. Emma Sommerfield, both of Maplewood; four brothers - John Kirkweg and Joe Kirkweg, both of St. Elizabeth and Otto Kirkweg and Frank Kirkweg, both of Mary's Home; two sisters - Mrs. Annie Evers of Mary's Home and Mrs. Emma Woerdenhauser of Meta.

Services will be Thursday at Our Lady of the Snows Church, Mary's Home, with the Rev. Henry Reichert officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Miller County Autogram - August 16, 1923

PROMINENT TAVERN FARMER PASSES AWAY

Conrad Kemna Dead After an Illness of Several Weeks
On Saturday afternoon, August 4th, (1923) Conrad Kemna departed from this life. A complicated liver trouble from which the patient suffered intensely for several weeks was the cause of death.

Funeral services were held at St. Lawrence Church Sunday afternoon. A Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. F. Bruch Monday morning for the repose of the soul of the departed one. He was near seventy-five years old. Deceased was born and grew to manhood in Osage County. Later he came to Miller County and was one of our most prominent pioneer citizens.

He was married to Miss Mary Bode in the year 1873. She preceded him in death last January a year ago. Their union was blessed with a number of children of whom six survive as follows; Henry, Frank, Ben, Theodore, Adolph, and Mrs. Josephine Stuckenschneider. The children are all married and live in this community. Thirty grandchildren survive who have lost one who was quite fond of them all.

The deceased was a resident of Miller County for nearly 50 years. In the dawn of his manhood he procured a tract of land on the Big Tavern about two miles east of St. Elizabeth. Through many years of persistent toil he converted this tract into one of the finest and best improved farms of this section. Then later, he bought the Bode farm adjoining the old homestead. It is now owned by the son Henry, while the home place has been divided between the sons; Theo., Adolph and Frank. Several years ago the deceased acquired the Dr. J. S. Gregory property in the village of St. Elizabeth to which the couple retired.

It is needless to say that the good works of this veteran leader and Christian soldier will shine forward in this community for a long time. He was a man with strong convictions, a clear vision and a big heart. He was always a staunch Catholic and was well supplied with the graces of this religion when he died.

(FYI) -St. Lawrence Cemetery -

Vienna, Missouri newspaper – March 1924

On Tuesday evening, March 18th, 1924, Hy Kemna departed from this life, after an illness of ten days, of pleuro-pneumonia. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 20th at St. Lawrence Church. A Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Father Bruch.

The deceased was 45 years, 10 months and 8 days old at the time of his death. He was born and reared in the neighborhood where he died. On Oct. 13th, 1903, he was united in matrimony with Miss Angela Rehagen. To this union were born 7 children. The oldest being 18 years and the youngest 5 years old. All the children and the mother survive to mourn his loss.

The premature death of this honorable man is deeply regretted. As a citizen he was in the front ranks. In all his dealings, he was ever known to be sincere, and an honest man. As a countryman, he was patriotic and unafraid. His family life was an exemplification of a true and faithful husband and father. He died well fortified with the last rites of Holy Mother Church. May he rest in peace.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, March 7, 1982

Joe H. Rehagen, 82, formerly of Jefferson City, died Friday (March 5, 1982) at his home in St. Anthony. He was born Feb. 22, 1900, at St. Elizabeth, a son of Frank and Anna Dickneite Rehagen. On Feb. 9, 1926, he was married at St. Anthony to Martha Herx, who survives at the home. Mr. Rehagen lived in Jefferson City for 35 years until 1977, when he retired from his custodial job at St. Mary’s Health Center and moved to St. Anthony. He was a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Other survivors include: two sons, Robert Rehagen, Springfield, and Danny Rehagen, Leavenworth, Kan.; three daughters, Mrs. Anna Marie Brand, Mexico, Mrs. Rosemary Boehmer, Topeka, Kan., and Mrs. LaVern Reinkeimeyer, Chicago; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.
Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony Church, with the Rev. Joseph Lorenz officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today at the St. Anthony parish Hall, where a rosary will be recited at 7p.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home in Iberia.

**Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1971**

**George H. Rehagen** of St. Elizabeth died at the age of 61 at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia on Monday September 6, 1971. He was born Aug. 21, 1910, near St. Elizabeth, in Miller County, the son of Frank and Anna Dickneite Rehagen. He was married to the former Miss Catherine Scheuler on Oct. 12, 1937 at St. Louis. She survives at the home in St. Elizabeth, Missouri.

A retired farmer and former employee of a charcoal kiln firm at Meta, Mr. Rehagen lived his entire life in Miller County, except for a short residency in St. Louis. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society.

Survivors include one son, Lawrence H. Rehagen of Meta; 2 daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Nilges of St. Elizabeth and Mrs. Marjorie Herigon of St. Thomas; 3 sisters - Mrs. Emma Weidinger of St. Elizabeth, Mrs. Anna Otto of Dixon, and Mrs. Martha Otto of Iberia; 1 brother, Joseph Rehagen of Jefferson City, and 7 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Burial was at St. Lawrence Cemetery, St. Elizabeth, Missouri.

**Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1972**

**Robert George Wilde**, 21, of St. Elizabeth, died Sunday, March 12th, (1972) at a Marshall hospital. Mr. Wilde was born Oct. 30, 1950 at Tuscumbia, the son of George Edward and Frances Oligschlaeger Wilde. Mrs. Wilde survives. Mr. Wilde died May 21, 1967. Mr. Wilde was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic church, St. Elizabeth.

Survivors include three brothers, Eugene Wilde, Jerald Wilde and Ronald Wilde, all of St. Elizabeth; five sisters, Mrs. Anilda Voss, Menomonie, Wis.; Mrs. Rosemary Holtmeyer, St. Elizabeth; Mrs. Margie Baumker, Washington; Mrs. Lorraine Wiggins, Jefferson City; and Miss Carlene Wilde of the home.

Funeral services were held at St. Lawrence Catholic church, with the Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Burial was at St. Lawrence Cemetery, St. Elizabeth. Stevinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, March 2009**

**Robert Dale Heather**, age 36, of Eldon, Missouri passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2009 near Eldon, Missouri. He was born January 17, 1973 in Jefferson City, Missouri to Roger Dale and Jeannine (Cornett) Heather. On March 18, 2000 he was married to Stacy (Duncan) Heather who survives of the home.

Other survivors include: son Corey Heather of Hallsville, Missouri; daughter Cheyenne Heather of Hallsville, Missouri; step-son James Polly of Eldon, Missouri; step-daughters Jessy Fields of Versailles, Missouri, Jamie Polly of Eldon, Missouri, Janie Polly of Eldon, Missouri; mother Jeannine Heather of New Bloomfield, Missouri; brothers Kelley Heather & wife Sheila of New Bloomfield, Missouri, Kevin Heather of New Bloomfield, Missouri; sister Stacey Eichhorst & Husband Jonathan of New Bloomfield, Missouri; grandchildren Emily, Sara, and Kylee; any nieces and nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 26 from 12-2 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home with the funeral service to follow. Interment will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials for Robert are suggested In Care of the Family.

**Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, March 2009**
**Helen Irene Bryant**, age 82, of Rocky Mount, died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at her home. She was born in Englewood on September 20, 1926, a daughter of the late Robert and Hettie (Carlos) Herron. She was united in marriage on May 29, 1943, in Columbia, to Willis Dean Bryant and they shared 53 years together. He preceded her in death on December 3, 1996.

Helen worked in Columbia at Wilson’s Meat Company for years before retiring in 1977 and moving to Lake of the Ozarks. She then worked alongside her husband after starting North Shore Hauling in Rocky Mount. She also worked at North Shore Shopping Center. Helen was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Lake Ozark. She was a 40 year member of the Miller County VFW Ladies Auxiliary and was a longtime member of Am Vets Auxiliary. Helen was a 33 year cancer survivor and attended the yearly cancer walks in Columbia and was always flanked by her family members. She will always be remembered for having a welcoming home and a wonderful sense of humor.

She is survived by one son, Ronald Dean Bryant, Sr. and wife Kathy of Rocky Mount; one daughter, Linda Bryant Kimmel and husband Daniel of Rocky Mount; eight grandchildren, Kimberly Proctor, Randall Bryant, Tony, Brandy and Cory Mason, Stacy Kimmel, Amber Stanford and Danielle Kimmel; 15 great grandchildren, Amanda, Shanna and Derek Proctor, Branden and Randijo Bryant, Maleah Bryant, Hope and Taylor Kimmel, Jordyn, Jakob and Jaxson Stanford, Daniel and Hunter Waller, Narrissa Kimmel and Vincent Mason; one great-great grandson, Lincoln Dean Bryant; three sisters, Pat Siehl and husband Donald of Vancouver, Washington, Stella Garrett of Columbia and Margaret Watson of the State of Washington; two sisters-in-law, Alma Ausburn and Gertrude Bryant, both of Columbia; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two grandsons, Johnnie Lee Johnson, Jr. and Ronald Dean “R.D.” Bryant, Jr., who were both killed in tragic car accidents.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Monday, March 23, with services immediately following at 11:00 a.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Bro. Charlie Kempf will officiate. Interment will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery in Columbia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Maleah Bryant Education Fund. Please send contributions to Rekus Funeral Home, 902 E North Street, Eldon MO 65026 or to Ronald Bryant, 28879 Highway Y, Rocky Mount MO 65072.

**Sherman F. Robinett**, age 94, of Eldon, died Monday, March 23, 2009, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born in Bagnell on August 18, 1914, a son of the late Merrell and Stella (Workman) Robinett. On September 7, 1990, in Brumley, he was married to Effie Claris Abbott, who survives at the home.

Others who survive him include: one son, Roger Robinett and wife Sara of California; one grandson, Ryan S. Robinett and wife Megan of Santa Monica, California; one great grandson, Cole Robinett of Santa Monica, California; three step-children, Norman Wood and wife Rozi of Lebanon, Leslie Wood and wife Donna of Tucson, Arizona and Cleta Moon of Eldon; one brother, Gerald Robinett of Barnett and one sister, Nellie Helton of Jefferson City. Six brothers, Milo, Sam, Kenneth, Basil, Teddy and Virgil Robinett and five sisters, Eula Gorge, Eunice Baucom, Ruby Shepherd, Olive Sue DeGraffenreid and Pauline Currence, also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. with services immediately following at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Tol Wood Cemetery near Eldon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Mt. Pleasant Christian Church.

*The Maries County Gazette, June 8, 1988*
Mrs. Beulah Faye Bassett, 80, of Jefferson City, died Friday, May 27, 1988 at the Hillside Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born August 18, 1907 at Dixon, the daughter of Dave and Slando Ann Crane Warner. She was married October 27, 1930 at St. Louis, to Clarence Raymond Bassett, who died December 21, 1985.

She was a homemaker. She attended schools at Dixon. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Her survivors include; one daughter, Mrs. Wanda Faye Roling of Jefferson City; four brothers, Floyd Warner, Clyde Warner and Kermit Warner, all of Dixon and Granville Warner of Jefferson City; one sister, Mrs. Ora Droege of St. Louis; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Lee Bassett, who died in 1981.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 30 at 10 a.m. at the Buescher Memorial Home with the Rev. Wilson David officiating. Burial was in the Kenner Cemetery, Dixon.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, August 1972

Frank Earl Bittle, 71, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1972, at his home, Rte. 1, Eugene. He was a retired streetcar and bus operator with the St. Louis Public Service Company. He had moved back to Eugene in 1942 after living in St. Louis for 20 years. Funeral services will be held Friday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon.

Mr. Bittle was born Feb. 14, 1901 at Eugene, the son of James Robert and Mary Frances (Roberts) Bittle. On July 11, 1925, he was married in St. Louis to Fannie Elizabeth Brookshire, who survives at the home in Eugene. Mr. Bittle was a member of the Eugene Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two sons, Richard Lynn Bittle of Eugene and Gene Edward Bittle of St. Louis; two grandchildren and four sisters; Mrs. Clarence Lansdown of Monett; Mrs. John Evans of Kansas City; Mrs. Walter Jarvis of Glencoe and Mrs. Mollie Bunnells of Jefferson City.

Dennis Lewis will be the officiating minister at the services Friday. Burial will be in the Eugene Cemetery.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, February 1977

Mrs. Betty Bassman, 70, of Hermann, died Sunday Feb. 27 (1977) at Vicksburg, Miss. while visiting relatives. She was born Dec. 25, 1906, at Sullivan, the daughter of John and Virginia Clark Williams. She was married Oct. 8, 1928, to C. M. "Cap" Bassman who survives at the home.

Other survivors include: one brother, A. Clark Williams, Vicksburg, Miss.; and one sister, Mrs. Virginia Harlow, also of Vicksburg, Miss.; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Babel Sohns of Linn.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Paul United Church in Hermann with Rev. Armand Klemmen officiating. Burial was in the Hermann Cemetery.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, March 28, 1963

Laura Coffman, 87, of Eldon, died Sunday. She passed away at the home of Mrs. Irene McCluskey, of Eldon, where she had been staying the last two years.

Mrs. Coffman, daughter of Greenville Boyd and Jane Freeman Boyd was born Sept 15, 1875. She first married Sherman Roark, who passed away in Aug. 1904. In 1905 she married James Coffman. He preceded her in death in 1951.

Survivors are Mrs. Vesta Vail of San Diego, Calif. Mrs. Opal Boyle of Lawrence, Ks. and Mrs. Jeanette Peterson of Kansas City, Kansas. Three sons, Raymond Roark of Kansas City, Doris Coffman of Chesterfield and Ferrill Coffman of Eldon 34 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Ed Boyd of Iberia and John Boyd of Eldon, one sister Mrs. Willis Rowden of Iberia.

Funeral services were held at the Assembly of God Church in Eldon with Rev. Ed Boan officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
Ray Ahart 85 of Eldon died Tuesday Oct. 10, 1989 at St Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. He was born Sept 16, 1904 in St. Elizabeth to James M. and Mary Jane Wickham, Ahart. He was married to Myrtle Ahart, who died in 1980. Surviving him are two sisters, Ida King and Dona Crum, both of Eldon; two brothers Nelse and Ralph, both of Eldon.

Funeral services by Phillips Funeral home in Eldon with Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in the Jarrett Cemetery near Iberia.

Erma Ann (Whitaker) Williams, age 88, of Eldon, died Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at University Hospital in Columbia.

Survivors include: one daughter, Dessa LaVange Boone of Overland Park, Kansas; one daughter-in-law, Judith Ann Williams of Topeka, Kansas; seven grandchildren, Bradley Davis, Kristina, Tammy, Todd and Jeffrey Williams, Rachel Elizabeth Sexton and James Boone; nine great grand-children; three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, at Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon. Interment will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Marjorie Jacobs, age 98, of Meta, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2009, at her home. She was born in Alva, Oklahoma, on December 2, 1910, daughter of Dr. Albert and Mrs. Birdie (Blunke) Clarke. In 1934, Marjorie married Willie (Bill) Jacobs, who preceded her in death in 1966.

She attended the Alva public schools and graduated from high school in 1929, then from Northwestern State Teachers College in 1933 with a BS degree. While in college, Marjorie was a member of “The Little Theatre” and the YWCA of which she held all four offices. She worked in her father’s dental and optical office as an assistant during her stay in Alva. Her husband, Willie Jacobs, was a proprietor of the Hudson Essex Garage in Alva and he was in the garage business with his brother Clinton Jacobs in Meta. Marjorie and Willie had three sons, William Wendell, Clinton DeWayne, and Joseph Wyot Jacobs.

Marjorie was a member the PTA, the Friendly Neighbors Extension Club, and she had a teenage sewing and crocheting class that she taught as well as a 4H group of boys. She was also a member of Meta Christian Church since 1937.

Marjorie taught school in Meta, four years in St. Elizabeth, and ten years in Vienna. She attended Lincoln University for two summers.

She is survived by two sons, Wayne Jacobs of Meta and Joe Jacobs of Wetumka, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, Mike Jacobs of Centertown, Cindy Gerling of Wardsville, Valerie Sparks of St. Louis, Chris Jacobs of Meta, Wille Jacobs of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Genella Green of Hampton, Virginia, Jason Jacobs of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, Nathan Jacobs of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Derrick Jacobs of Duncan, Oklahoma; sixteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and a few cousins.

She was also preceded in death by her oldest son, Billy Wendell Jacobs in 1970; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Rev. Dale Beasterfeld will officiate. Interment will be in Southside Cemetery in Meta. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, at the funeral home.
Jennie L. Duncan, age 94, of Crocker, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Phelps County Regional Medical Center. She was born in Miller County on June 17, 1914, daughter of the late William and Sadie (Ponder) Conner. She was married in Iberia on June 2, 1935, to Ralph T. Duncan, who survives.

Jennie was a member of Iberia Eastern Star and First Baptist Church of Iberia. She is also survived by nieces and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Jackie Lee Duncan, who preceded her in death on January 19, 1937. She was also preceded by three brothers, Earl Conner, Myer Conner, and Clarence Conner; and one sister, Lena Faye Dieckmann.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. with services immediately following at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Lee Todd will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Iberia Cemetery Fund.

Ralph Holtmeyer, age 63, of St. Anthony, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at his home. He was born in Miller County, on April 12, 1945, son of Conrad and Hedwig (Herx) Holtmeyer.

Ralph was an Army veteran of Vietnam. He worked as a mechanic for Larry Apperson Construction and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Kimberlie Baxley of Dothan, Alabama; three grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Buechter of St. Anns and Marcella Bock of Meta; and five brothers, Raymond Holtmeyer of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, Harold Holtmeyer of St. Anthony, Bernard Holtmeyer of St. Anthony, Danny Holtmeyer of St. Anthony, and Roman Holtmeyer of Meta.

He was preceded by his parents and four brothers, Victor Holtmeyer, Ignatius Holtmeyer, James Holtmeyer, and Al Holtmeyer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in St. Anthony. Rev. Clarence Wiederholt will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of Iberia VFW Post 6167 and American Legion Post 105 will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday at the St. Anthony Parish Hall with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ralph Holtmeyer Memorial Fund. Arrangements are under the direction of Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.

Mid-Missouri newspaper – March 1971

Charles H. Bond, 92, of Iberia, died Monday, March 8, 1971 at Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City. Mr. Bond had lived near Iberia almost all of his lifetime with the exception of a few years in Panama, Okla. He was a farmer, and early in his life owned and operated a cafe in Iberia. Mr. Bond was born July 9, 1878 near Iberia, the son of the late Louis A. and Martha (Blize) Bond. On Dec. 9, 1900, he was married to Miss Izzie Barlow. She died Jan. 16, 1953. Mr. Bond was a member of the Iberia United Methodist Church and a former member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Survivors include one son, Billie W. Bond, Wapato, Wash.; one daughter, Mrs. Lottie Barr of Iberia; one brother, John D. Bond of Iberia; two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Hensley of Ulman and Mrs. Sadie Law of Eldon; six grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Mr. Bond was also preceded in death by one son, Burgess, on April 28, 1904 and by three sisters and four brothers; Miss Molly Bond on March 28, 1890; Mrs. Jennie Law on Dec. 18, 1913; Mrs. Della Waite, June 5, 1953; George Bond, Aug. 9, 1951; Joe Bond, Jan. 5, 1969; and Jesse Bond Aug. 29, 1970.

Funeral services for Mr. Bond were to be held today (Thursday) at the Iberia United Methodist Church with the Rev. Earl Brown officiating. Burial was in the Livingston Cemetery.
near Iberia under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Wade and Jasper Hensley, Floyd and Jim Barlow, Bobbie Bond and Bobbie Law.

Obituary, unknown newspaper; 1969
Mrs. Myrtle (Morgan) Burnett, 71, of 2452 Illinois Avenue, died Thursday (June 12, 1969) in St. Elizabeth Hospital (Granite City, Illinois) where she was a patient for two days. She had been ill four years and hospitalized on several occasions.

A native of Mary's Home, Mo. Mrs. Burnett had resided in Granite City 50 years. She and her husband, Charles, who survives, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on June 4th. Mrs. Burnett was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Irene) Belshe and Mrs. William (Pauline) Seebold and two sons, Ralph and Harold Burnett, all of Granite City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a brother, Hillary Morgan of Troy, Mo.

Funeral services were held today. Arrangements are given in the obituary column.

Rekus Fancher Funeral Home Web Site, April 2009
John A. Hand, age 57, of Olean, died Monday, April 6, 2009, at his daughters home in Greenridge. He was born in Granby on March 12, 1952, a son of John and Rachael (Jenkins) Hand.

Those who survive him include: one daughter, Tricia Grotzinger and husband Donnie of Greenridge; two sons, Greg Hand of Jacksonville, Florida and Daniel Hand of Olean; three grandchildren, Layne, Luke and Logan Grotzinger; his father, John E. Hand of Eldon; four brothers, Dwight, George, Richard and David Hand and one sister, Lillian Hand.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be held in Olean Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Frank Horton, age 72, of Tuscumbia, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at his home. He was born in Tuscumbia on June 17, 1936, son of the late Willard and Antonie (Malis) Horton. On July 9, 1961, in Tuscumbia, he was married to Ellen (Phillips) Horton, who survives at the home. Frank was a 1954 graduate of Tuscumbia High School.

He is also survived by two sons, Dale Horton and Charlie Horton and wife Julie, all of Tuscumbia; one sister, Louise Hager of Eugene; one brother, Wesley Horton of Tuscumbia; and two grandchildren, Cody and Ethan Horton.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Rosanna Smith; two brothers, Willard David Horton and Floyd Ray Horton; and one grandson Todd Frank Horton.

A private burial will be held at a later date. Expressions of Sympathy may be made to Gott Cemetery or to the donor’s choice.

Larry Lee Anderson, age 72, of Iberia, passed away Friday, April 10, 2009, at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. He was born in Pulaski County on March 18, 1937, son of Otto Wilburn and Anna Martha (Jucknath) Anderson. On March 17, 1954, in Tuscumbia, Larry married Erma Dean Long, who survives at the home.

Larry was a member of Iberia Masonic Lodge 410 AF and AM, Scottish Rite, and Eastern Star 537. He was also a life member of Missouri Fox Trot Association and Angus Association. Larry was a member of Concord Christian Church in Crocker.

He is also survived by one daughter, Debra Warnol and husband Jim of Iberia; two granddaughters, Burgandy Nelson and husband Scott of Crocker and Alesia Baker of Columbia; and three great-grandchildren, Harley Baker, Gavin Baker, and Christopher Nelson. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.
Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Lee Todd will officiate. Interment will be in Concord Cemetery near Crocker. Visitation will from 5-8 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Concord Cemetery.

**Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, April 2009**

**Suzanne Elliott Campbell Hensley,** 64 beloved wife, mother, stepmother, sister, sister-in-law, and aunt, died Sunday April 5, 2009 at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Missouri. She was born October 30, 1944 in Wardell, Missouri to James and Connie Elliott. On April 23, 1993 she was married to Richard Hensley, who survives her at the home. Suzanne graduated Newport High School in 1962 and Arkansas State University with a major in journalism. Suzanne taught at Marked Tree Junior School for several years, and then worked as an editor for the Jefferson Republic and DeSoto Press in DeSoto, Missouri. She then worked in public relations at DePaul Hospital, St. Mary’s Hospital, and St. Joseph Hospital, all in the St. Louis metropolitan area, and later worked with the Make-a-Wish Foundation in its marketing department. More recently she was employed at Mid-Missouri Yacht in Osage Beach, and was the co-owner, with her husband, of Hensley Home Improvement.

She was politically active, as a member of the Steering Committee for Equal Rights in Missouri, as a proud supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, and as a worker on campaigns for Democratic candidates.

Surviving her is her husband, Richard Hensley of Eldon; one son, James Campbell of St. Louis, one stepdaughter, Tami Gable, and her husband, Ryan Gable of Sullivan; one brother, James Elliott, and his wife, Vicky Elliott, of Newport, Ark; one sister, Andrea Bowen, and her husband, Claude Bowen, of Pensacola, Fla; three nephews; two nieces, six grandnephews, four grandnieces, and many dear friends.

Per her wishes, her body will be cremated. Her life will be celebrated at her home Wednesday, April 8, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at, 416 North Aurora St. in Eldon, MO. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

**Jessie Velma (Serl) Haynes,** 89 passed away on Friday evening April 10, 2009 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. On September 5, 1919 she was born in Miller County, Missouri to the late Charles Ernest and Mettie Lee (Hader) Serl. On September 7, 1940 she was married in Warsaw, Missouri to Norman Jefferson Haynes who preceded her in death on June 27, 1978.

Surviving her are a daughter and son-in-law Norma DeAnn (Haynes) and Ray Alley of Jefferson City, MO; grandchildren and spouse Alycia RaeAnn Alley of Kansas City, MO, Anitra Dawn Alley of Columbria, MO, Benjamin Aaron and wife Anna Alley of Overland Park, KS; a sister Ruby Marie Jobe of Jefferson City, MO; sister-in law June Serl of Stewartsville, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Helen Atkinson, and two brothers John David Serl and Charles Lee Serl.

She was a member of Concord Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Missouri. She taught Sunday school for fifty-two years at several churches including Concord. She worked at TG&Y in Jefferson City for ten years. She & her husband operated a grocery store in Enon for many years. They lived in the Olean community before moving to Jefferson City in 1959. She was a wonderful homemaker. She wanted to be remembered for living a Christian life, for being truthful when something else would have been easier, for being dependable in every way, for being an above average (but not perfect) wife and loving Mother and Grandmother, and that she was!

Visitation will be held on Monday April 13, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Funeral Service will be held also on Monday April 13, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri at 3:00 PM with Rev. Benjamin Alley & Dr. Monte Shinkle presiding. Interment will be at Allen Cemetery in Olean, Missouri. Memorials are
suggested to the American Heart Association or Concord Baptist Church of Jefferson City Missouri.

**Unknown publication**

*Mrs. Cora Vaughan*, wife of Charlie Vaughan died at her home three miles northwest of Tusculumbia Thursday morning of pneumonia fever. Mrs. Vaughan was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Harrison, pioneers of the Saline creek community, and she was 57 years old at the time of her death.

When a young woman she was united in marriage to Charlie Vaughan, and seven children by the marriage survive her. She is also survived by the following brothers and sisters. Mrs. Leona Carrender of Eldon, Mrs M. E. Bieote of Eldon R 4, Mrs. Ed Williams of Plainville, Kansas, J. J. Harrison and J. R. Harrison of near Tusculumbia; also one half brother, T. J. Harrison survives her.

**Unknown Publication, August 1991**

*Harold O. Vaughan*, 63, of Springfield died Friday, August 23, 1991 at St. John's Medical Center in Springfield. He was born September 16, 1927 in Eldon to Wesley C and Desdia Ellen Watts Vaughan. On August 12, 1945 he was married in Shawnee Mission, Kansas to Irene Abbett, who survives at the home.

Mr. Vaughan was with General Telephone for 27 years prior to his retirement as a supervisor in 1983. After retiring he lived in Texas, Las Vegas, Nevada and Eldon before moving to Springfield. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church, American Legion and Fraternal Order of Eagles and was a 32nd degree Mason.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Vaughan is survived by a daughter, Peggy Baker of Ava; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren, five sisters, Pauline Stanton of Lake Ozark, Neta Bunch, Norma Evans and Joyce Hammond, all of Eldon and Mary Bailey of Raytown; and five brothers, Cecil Vaughan of Ashland, Bob Vaughan and Charles Vaughn, both of Eldon, Gaithel Vaughan of Chillicothe, Illinois and Terry Vaughan of Fairfield, Illinois.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Philips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Danny Graham officiating. Graveside services and burial were held at noon Monday at National Cemetery in Springfield. Military honors were presented by the FVW Post of Springfield.

**Phillips Funeral Home Web site, April 2009**

*Bonnie L. Marriott* 68 of Eldon, Missouri passed away Monday at Lake Regional Medical Center in Osage Beach, Missouri on April 13, 2009. On February 28, 1941 she was born in East Prairie, Missouri to the late Archie and Loueva (Leap) Laughlin. On November 19, 1965 she was married in Versailles, Missouri to William Jewell Marriott who preceded her in death on November 26, 1990.

She is survived by daughters Doris Renee Wood of Sedalia, MO, Rita G. Marriott of Eldon, MO; sons Mark Marriott of Olathe, KS, Matthew Marriott of Eldon, MO; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; sisters Betty Jo Boschert of Jonesburg, MO; Mildred Cain of Eldon, MO. Karen Williams of Eldon, MO; brothers Jimmie Laughlin of Ashland, MO, Wayne Laughlin of Jonesburg, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister, Lucerne Jones, and two brothers, Glen and Bill Laughlin.

She was a member of the New Horizon Church of Eldon, Missouri, serving as Vice President of the Board.
Visitation will be Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 4-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. The funeral service will be April 16 at 1 p.m. at New Horizon Church with interment in the Versailles Cemetery.

Lloyd A. Porterfield, age 69, of Eldon, Missouri, died Monday, April 20, 2009 at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Missouri. He was born on December 26, 1939 the son of Chapman and Stella (Hubbard) Porterfield. He was married to Carol (Thompson) Porterfield who survives at the home.

Lloyd was a member of the Eldon Golf Club. He retired from Union Electric. He loved to play golf.

Lloyd is survived by his Wife, Carol Porterfield of the home; daughter; Callie Bilyeu of Osage Beach, Missouri; son, Jon Davin Porterfield of Holts Summit, Missouri; five grandchildren; mother, Stella West of Wentzville, Missouri; two sisters; one brother; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Private Interment will be held at a later date.

Charles Edward Fancher, 79 of Eldon, Missouri, passed away on Thursday morning April 23, 2009 at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He was born in Waynesville, Missouri to the late William Malachi and Laura Belle (Varner) Fancher on May 24, 1929. On August 21, 1998 he was married in Stoutland, Missouri to Charlene (Cusick) Fancher who survives of the home.

Also surviving him are: two daughters Vicky Lee Margis of Toledo, Washington, Laura Dale Fancher of Springfield, Missouri; one granddaughter Kristi Dale Ledbetter of Toledo, Washington; a sister Lottie Lorene Flaugher of St. Louis, Missouri; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his first wife, Virginia Dale Fancher who passed in January of 1998, they were married on July 15, 1949 in Waynesville, Missouri, sisters and brother, Mary Opal, Sadie Maude, Eliza Agnes, Lucy Ellen, Georgia Grace, Altha Belle, William “Bud” Fancher, Dorothy Marie, and Helen Louise.

He was a member of the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church in Richland, Missouri. He also served in the United States Army and Air Force.

Visitation and Funeral Services will be held on Monday April 27, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri with the Visitation from 12:00 – 2:00 PM and the Funeral Service at 2:00 PM. Officiating will be Brother Bob Hoskins. Interment will be at Capps Cemetery in Tuscumbia, Missouri with Full Military Honors provided by the Eldon VFW Post #2442 of Eldon, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church of Richland, Missouri.

Art Wilson, 74 of Eldon, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at his residence in Eldon, Missouri. Art was born on December 29, 1934 in Edwardsville, IL the son of the late Harry and Lydia (Bishop) Wilson. He was married on November 29, 2008 in Eldon, Missouri to Sylvia (Davenport) Wilson who survives at the home. Art loved driving trucks across the country.

Art is survived by his wife, Sylvia Wislon of the home; five sons, Bart Wislon of Bethalto, IL., Bill Wilson of Mt. Olive, IL., Bret Wilson and Ben Wilson both of Edwardsville, IL., and Jeff Wilson of Oviedo, FL.; daughter, Joani Kelsey of Blair, OK.; several grandchildren; sisters, Elvira Radley and Nelma Ridley; brother, Jerry Wilson; Step-Children Troy Bohrn, Scott Bohrn and Lacy Prater.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Willian, Carl, and Harry, sisters LaVerna Wilson, Helen Snow, Evelyn Durr, June Schmuck, Purletta Woods, and Dorothea Sheppard.
A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 15th, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Ryan Luthern Church in Bethalto, IL. His body has been cremated. Memorials are suggested to the St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

**Alfred Lavaughn Bryan**, 88, passed away on Sunday evening May 3, 2009 at his home in Eldon, Missouri. On February 25, 1921 he was born in Mokane, Missouri to the late Alfred and Edna (Merkel) Bryan. On July 12, 1947 he was married in Boonville, Missouri to Mable Sue (Carmichael) Bryan who preceded him in death on August 27, 2008.

He is survived by a daughter Angie Bryan of Rocky Mount, Missouri and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and a brother, D.P. Bryan.

He was a member of the Eldon Golf Club and the Eldon United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held on Thursday May 7, 2009 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon with the Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. also at Phillips Funeral Home. Officiating will be Rev. Michael Keith Burial will be held at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri at 2:00 p.m. on Friday May 8, 2009 with Full Military Honors provided at the Graveside. In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Eldon United Methodist Church of Eldon, Missouri.

Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, April 2009

**Wilma Lorraine Glawson**, age 92, of Tusculumbia, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2009, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. She was born in Iberia on October 20, 1916, daughter of Joseph Ulmer and Sadie B. (Aust) Gawnson.

She graduated from Richland High School in 1934, and was baptized into the Christian faith in 1945 in Eldon. She served as Miller County Clerk for 27 years and worked for Humphrey’s Creek Hospital for 20 years before retiring in 1981. She enjoyed watching St. Louis Cardinal Baseball. Wilma was a lifetime member the Crocker VFW Women’s Auxiliary and was also a member of Mt. Zion Christian Church in Tusculumbia.

She is survived by one brother, Joe Gawnson and wife Faith of Tusculumbia; eight nieces and nephews and spouses, Joe P. Gawnson of Richland, Susan Neal of Linn Creek, Dan Eckman of Wentzville, Kathy Sohman of Eugene, Or., Judy Ellard of St. Peters, Jan Bradfeldt of Eugene, Or., Alan Gawnson of Tusculumbia, and Keith Gawnson of Tusculumbia; 17 great nieces and nephews; and 31 great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Freeda Eckman and Helen Scoles.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Charlie Worstell and Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Iberia Cemetery or Mt. Zion Christian Church.

**Bonnie Mae (Phillips) Turner**, age 72, of Tusculumbia, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at Miller County Care and Rehabilitation in Tusculumbia. She was born in Brumley on January 14, 1937, daughter of Arthur L. and Lena Mae (Ash) Phillips. On July 3, 1956, in Tusculumbia,

Bonnie married Jimmy Martin Turner, who preceded her in death on February 2, 2007. Bonnie was a member of Tusculumbia Christian Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Glenda Turner of Tusculumbia and Lorraine Burris of Olean; one son, Donald Turner of Tusculumbia; one granddaughter, Erin Turner of California; two step-grandchildren, John Hornback Jr. of Tusculumbia and Angela Jones of Versailles; two step-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ellen Horton of Tusculumbia. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Lee Roy Phillips.
Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. with services immediately following at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Gertrude Marie (Rehagen) Kirkweg, age 84, of St. Elizabeth, passed away Friday, April 17, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born in St. Elizabeth on September 27, 1924, daughter of Frank George and Mary (Boeckman) Rehagen.

On June 19, 1948, in St. Elizabeth, she married Lawrence Henry Kirkweg, who preceded her in death on March 2, 2000. Gertrude was a member of St. Ann’s Sodality and St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth.

She is survived by two nephews, Raymond Rehagen and wife Susan of Holts Summit and Leroy Rehagen and wife Gail of St. Elizabeth; one niece, Carolyn Kliethermes and husband Jerome of Eldon; and extended family, Connie Kreutz and husband Martin of Holts Summit, Sharon Helton and husband Randy of St. Elizabeth, and Donna Mueller and husband Art of Westphalia.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Lawrence, Roman, and Herman Rehagen.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2009 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Clarence Wiederholt will officiate. Interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in St. Elizabeth. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Elizabeth Care Center.

David Ray Davenport, age 64, of Brumley, passed away, Sunday, April 26, 2009, at St. John’s Hospital in Lebanon. He was born in Brumley on August 22, 1944, son of Virgil and Louevenia (Reinhart) Davenport. On March 1, 1963, in Tuscumbia, David married Thelma Johnston, who survives.

David worked most of his life at Stanton Manufacturing in Lake Ozark and was a member of Mt. Union Church of Christ near Brumley.

He is also survived by his mother; three children, Jeffrey Davenport and wife Jackie of Iberia, Randy Davenport and wife Kelly of Brumley, and Sheila Cordry and husband Bob Pecor of Thayer; eight grandchildren, Joshua Davenport and wife April of Brumley, Dusti Johnson and husband Jed of Brumley, LouAnna Davenport of Brumley, Emilie Davenport of Brumley, Jeffrey Davenport and wife Teri of Iberia, Candra Davenport of Iberia, Christopher Cordry of Thayer, and Matthew Cordry of Tuscumbia; one great-granddaughter, Autumn Johnson of Brumley; two brothers, Richard Davenport of Brumley and Steve Davenport of Salina, KS; one sister Jane Schwegler of Waynesville; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 1, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Jerry McDonald will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Union Cemetery near Brumley. Visitation will be from 5-8 P.M. on Thursday April 30, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the David Davenport Memorial Fund.

Floyd C. Rowden, age 89, of Iberia, passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. He was born in Miller County on October 17, 1919, son of Grover and Eva Mae (Lawson) Rowden. On April 11, 1952, in Harrison Arkansas, Floyd married Katie Hazel Humphrey, who preceded him in death on March 13, 2003.

Floyd was a member of the Iberia Masonic Lodge # 410 AF & AM for over 50 years. He was baptized in the Big Tavern Creek and attended Bray’s Advent Christian Church.
He is survived by one brother, Lloyd F. Rowden and wife Viola of Dixon and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents and one infant brother.

Visitation will be from 1-3 P.M. with services immediately following at 3:00 P.M. on Friday, May 1, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Roy Gilkey will officiate. Interment will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to Bray’s Advent Christian Church.

James W. VanHooser, age 72, of Eldon, died Thursday, April 30, 2009, at University Hospital and Clinics. He was born in Bonham, Texas, a son of James Roy and Evelean VanHooser. On April 8, 1961 he was married to Jacqueline A. VanHooser, who survives at the home.

James enjoyed woodworking, gardening, spending time with family and being outdoors. Others who survive him include: one daughter, Brenda Christen and husband Thomas of Eldon; two grandchildren, Joshua Christen of Spring, Texas and Michele Christen Bonk and husband Evan of Yuba City, California; his mother, Evelean VanHooser of Eldon; three brothers, Daniel W. VanHooser and wife Julie of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, Douglas E. VanHooser and wife Peggy of Port Lavaca, Texas and Ronald G. VanHooser and wife Carolyn of Reno, Nevada and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

His father, James Roy VanHooser and one brother, Garrie VanHooser preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Rev. Jay Quinn will officiate. Military honors will be provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 immediately following the memorial service. Memorial contributions are suggested to the VanHooser Memorial Fund.

Obituary for Churchill E Vaughan – source unknown
Churchill E Vaughan died at a Veterans Administration Hospital in Kansas City, Saturday, May 24, 1980. He was born November 4, 1915, near Tuscumbia, to Lafe and Lola Coffman Vaughan.

His parents preceded him in death. Surviving are his wife, Ruth, of the home at Pomme de Terre Lake; two sons, Terry of Austin, Texas, and Mark of Raytown; two grandsons; and one sister, Mrs. Alberta Fowler of Eldon.

He retired from the U. S. Navy in 1957 with 22 years of service; he was a Japanese prisoner of war for 40 months during World War II. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday with burial at the Eldon Cemetery. Murray Funeral Home of Humansville was in charge of services. Local arrangements were under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Rev. Don Wainwright officiated.


1976 - mid-Missouri newspaper
Mrs. Sallie A. Barnett, 83, of Meta, died Wed., Nov. 10, 1976 at St. Mary's Health Center. Mrs. Barnett was born Aug. 29, 1893 near Meta, the daughter of John and Permlia Pendleton Stokes. In March 1916, she was married to Charles Emory, who died in 1920. In 1934, she was married to Laymon Barnett, who died in 1953. She was a member of the Campground Christian Church near Meta.
Survivors include two daughters, Miss Elsie E. Emory, Waynesville; Mrs. Millrene Cross, Meta; one brother, Albert Stokes, Meta; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Pendleton, Vincennes, Ind.; and 8 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Meta Christian Church with the Rev. Earl Jones officiating. Burial was in the Crismon Cemetery near Brinktown.

Obituary for Eddie C Vaughan – source unknown

Eddie Charles Vaughan, 73, of Rte. 2, Eldon, died Wednesday, August 29, 1979 at his home. He was born February 14, 1905 at Tuscumbia to Charles Francis and Cora Angeline (Harrison) Vaughan.

For more than 25 years Mr. Vaughan worked for Kraft Foods in Eldon as boiler fireman. After the cheese plant closed he worked as a painting contractor and was janitor at the Eldon First Baptist Church for 12 years. He attended the Baptist church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Leonard (Georgia Helen) Dilcom, Jefferson City, two sons, Paul Gene Vaughan, Eldon and Donald Eddie Vaughan, Scott AFB, Illinois; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Reed, Kansas City and Mrs. Gertie Wood, Tuscumbia; a brother, Garland Vaughan, Tuscumbia; and six grandchildren. Two sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Eldon Myers officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Obituary: Robert B Vaughan

Robert B. Vaughan, 79, of Stockton, a lawyer, died Thursday, July 18, 1985, at his home. Mr. Vaughan was an area native and was reared in the Eldon community. He was graduated from Eldon High School in 1923. He was born at Tuscumbia and lived most of his life in the Kansas City area. He moved to Stockton in 1970 when he retired. He was a graduate of the Kansas City School of Law and was a member of the Missouri Bar.

His wife, Caroline G. Vaughan, died in 1973. Surviving him are four brothers, James Vaughan of Portland, Oregon, Paul Vaughan of Columbia, Maxwell Vaughan of Fort Smith, Arkansas and William Vaughan of Kansas City; and a sister, Helene Ecker of Des Moines Iowa.

Services were held July 20 at the Bedene Chapel in Arma, Kansas. Burial was in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Pittsburg, Kansas.

OBITUARY in local Missouri newspaper

John Schaffer, 83, Iberia, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1978 at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been a patient there since Feb. 13th. He was born Jan. 29, 1895 at Brays to John and Elizabeth Koester Schaffer. Aug 6, 1919, he was married at St. Anthony's Catholic Church by Rev. Kramer to Emma E. Bax, who survives at the home.

Mr. Schaffer farmed until 1957 when he began operating Schaffer Cafe and Tavern in St. Anthony. He operated the business until 1965. Mr. Schaffer was an army veteran of World War 1, was a member of Iberia American Legion Post 105, Iberia VFW Post 6167 and the St. Anthony Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society.

In addition to his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mathilda Wall of Iberia; five sons, Roman Schaffer and Victor Schaffer, both of St. Louis, James Schaffer of Orlando, FL, John Schaffer of Mary's Home, and Fred Schaffer of Iberia; a sister, Mrs. Josephine Blomberg of Iberia; and 35 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, Colletta on March 18, 1957, and Margaret on Jan. 28, 1978; and two grandsons, Gerald on March 2, 1962 and Robert on April 30, 1967.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at the church with the Rev. Jerome Jaworski officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Grandsons will be pall bearers. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Iberia VFW and American Legion.
Obituary in mid-Missouri newspaper, 1978

Margaret Elizabeth Shadron, 51, Sanford, Fla., passed away Saturday, Jan. 28, 1978 at Seminole Memorial Hospital in Sanford, Fla. She was born Nov. 11, 1926 near St. Anthony in Miller County to John and Emma Bax Schaffer. She was married July 26, 1947 in Columbus, Ohio to Columbus Luzietti, who preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1972. In June, 1973, she was married to Clifford Shadron, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Shadron had lived in St. Louis, Ohio and Florida and had been baptized at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in St. Anthony.

Also preceding her in death were one sister, Mrs. Colletta Otto on March 18, 1957 and one brother, Albert Schaffer on Jan 12, 1976.

Surviving, in addition to her husband are her parents, John and Emma Schaffer of Iberia; one sister, Mathilda Wall of Iberia; five brothers, Roman Schaffer and Victor Schaffer both of St. Louis, James Schaffer of Orlando, Fla., John Schaffer of Mary's Home and Fred Schaffer of Iberia, and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10 am Thursday at the Stevenson Chapel with the Rev. Jaworski officiating. Interment was in the St. Anthony Cemetery.

Obituary 1972 - mid-Missouri newspaper

Columbus Luzietti, 58, of Orlando, Florida, died there Wednesday (Aug. 2, 1972). Mr. Luzietti was born Dec. 15, 1913. He was married to the former Miss Margaret Schaffer, who survives.

Other survivors include; Three brothers, Americo Luzietti, Althiemer, Ark.; Louis Luzietti, Orlando, Fla.; and Victor Luzietti, Cleveland, Ohio; and his father and mother -in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Schaffer, Iberia.

The rosary will be recited today at the Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church near Iberia, with the Rev. Joseph O'Rourke officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

FYI - Columbus Luzietti, b. Shelby, Mississippi, is s/o John and Olga (Brunetti) Luzietti.

Obituary in Missouri Newspaper

Albert Henry Schaffer, 46, employee of the maintenance department of Burkart-Carolina, died suddenly Monday morning (19 Jan. 1976) at his home in Henderson, NC.

He was born at St. Anthony, Missouri June 28, 1929 and was the son of John and Emma Bax Schaffer who survive in St. Anthony. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church where the funeral mass was offered last Thursday. Interment was in Sunset Gardens.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frieda Ewers Schaffer of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Michael Wortham of Raleigh, NC; three sons, Richard Schaffer of St. Louis, Kevin Schaffer and Mark Schaffer both of Henderson; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Wall of St. Anthony and Mrs. Margaret Shadron of Orlando, Fla.; five brothers, Fred Schaffer of Eugene, Missouri; James Schaffer of Orlando, Fla.; Roman and Victor Schaffer both of St. Louis.

A Rosary service was held Wednesday evening. Serving as active pallbearers were Neil Jordan, Walter Mustian, George Tucker, John Wortham, Durwood Hall and Willie J. Currin.

Obituary, 1971 - mid-Missouri newspaper

Funeral services were held today at St. Lawrence Catholic church, St. Elizabeth, for Miss Melissa Hoecker, 20 month old daughter of Alfred and Lorraine Bax Hoecker, of St. Elizabeth.

The Hoecker child died Tuesday (Nov. 23, 1971) at a local hospital. The child was born Feb. 25, 1970 in Jefferson City.
Other survivors include: two brothers, Curtis Hoecker and Bryan Hoecker of the home; a sister Miss Brenda Hoecker of the home; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mr. Louis Bax, Westphalia.

Burial was in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Stevinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Unknown newspaper, unknown date
County's eldest resident, Ibbie Johnston, dies two months after her 102nd birthday

Miller County's eldest resident, Mrs. Ibbie A. Johnston of Iberia, died Sunday at Humphreys Hospital in Tuscumbia, just one day less than two months after she had observed her 102nd birthday. She has been a resident of Miller County since infancy.

Mrs. Johnston was born in Macon County, North Carolina, on April 19, 1859, a daughter of Emanuel and Judy Setser. She was six months old when the family came to Missouri. She was the last surviving member in the family of two sons and five daughters. Her father died two years after the family came to Missouri, and she, her mother and one brother then spent some time in Arkansas before returning to Miller County.

In 1878 she was married to Henry P. Dickerson who preceded her in death. In 1888 she was united in marriage to Henry J. Johnston, who also preceded her in death.

Only one of her five children, a daughter, Mrs. May Johnston of Iberia, survives. Also surviving are five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. In 1881 she united with the Congregational Christian Church at the Johnston School near Iberia. For more than 70 years she had lived on the same farm near Iberia where her family was reared.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Humphrey Funeral Chapel in Iberia. The Rev. Earl Brown officiated. Interment was in Bethany cemetery near Crocker.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Doerhoff and Carla and Lesa of Jennings came to the home of her father, Omar Hickey, of the St. Anthony community, last Wednesday to be there for the funeral of Lambert's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Doerhoff. They remained until Sunday.

Two sons, Navy Petty Officer Third Class Darrell Doerhoff of Ballaston, Spa, N. Y.; Pvt. Randall Doerhoff of Fort Leonard Wood and his fiancée, Miss Diane Kleczkowski of Dellwood, arrived on Friday. Randy and Miss Kleczkowski were overnight guests of his cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ken McCubbin of Hickory Hill.

Another son, Navy Petty Officer Second Class Gary P. Doerhoff had returned to duty at Little Creek, Va., only a few days earlier after a 10-day Christmas leave, so was unable to return for his grandmother's funeral."

FYI - Mrs. Elizabeth Margaret Doerhoff was b. 23 Oct 1885, d. 30 Dec 1970; m. to John B. Doerhoff who d. 1 Nov 1931. She was d/o Anton Steinman and Mary Hammel.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, May 2009

Veronica “Fronie” Theresa (Gerling) Hendricks, age 95, of Meta, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born in Meta on April 25, 1914, daughter of Louis and Catherine (Hake) Gerling. On October 6, 1936, in Jefferson City, Veronica married Eugene David Hendricks, who preceded her in death on June 24, 1994.

She is survived by one son, Louis Hendricks and wife Donna of Brinktown; three daughters, Evelyn Surface of Holts Summit, Lorene Hagenhoff of Jefferson City, and Nancy Gragert and husband Tom of Meta; daughter-in-law, Gertie Hendricks of Meta; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; four great-great-granddaughters with one due in June; sister-in-law Helen Hendricks of Eldon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her son, David Hendricks; two son-in-laws, Delmar Hagenhoff and Carney Surface Jr.; three grandchildren, Steven Gragert, Eddie
Surface, and Pam Hendricks; and three sisters, Emma Hillen, Lorene Hobleman, and Augusta Morgan.

Veronica was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend; she had a heart of gold. She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta. Rev. Mark Porterfield will officiate. Interment will be in St. Cecilia Cemetery in Meta. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Veronica Hendricks Memorial Fund.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, May 2009

Richard E. Sleep, 82, passed away May 5, 2009 at the Golden Living Nursing Home in Jefferson City, Missouri. On September 6, 1926 he was born in Newark, Vermont to the late Lemuel Orlando and Devilla Florence (Shupe) Sleep. He was married in 1959 in Topeka, Kansas to Laura (Rosebrook) Sleep who preceded him in death on November 27, 2006.

Surviving him are: a step son, Elmer Davis of Anderson, SC; step grandchildren and spouses Ricky Deuschle of Russellville, MO, Tammy & Dave (Gilpin) Coplin of Russellville, MO, Debbie & Fred McKinney of Russellville, MO; nine great grandchildren; step son-in-law Donald Deuschle of Russellville, MO; sister Leota Poulin of the State of VT; brother Lemuel Sleep of the State of KS; many nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and one sister Marjorie Pickering.

Richard served in the United States Army and was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Jefferson City, MO. He was active in the choir and men’s group. He enjoyed traveling and family pets.

Visitation will be Friday, May 8 from 9-10 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church with the funeral to follow. Interment will be at the Enloe Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, May 7 1921

James E Clark died at his home here Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock after a long illness of stomach trouble. Although he had been sick for a long time, he conversed with friends the morning of his death. He had been a patient sufferer throughout his sickness.

He was born near Eldon October 19, 1866 being fifty four years old at the time of his death. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Clark, who were at one time residents of Tuscumbia during Mr. Clark's term as a county official.

He was an experienced river pilot and held license from the government for operating steamers on the Osage and Missouri rivers. During the time he was in feeble health he served as justice of the peace of Equality, which position he held at the time of his death.

He was married to Miss Martha Hawken in 1888 and to this union five children were born, one having died in infancy. The surviving children are Mrs. James Messersmith and Mrs. Edgar Vernon of Eldon, Mrs. Farris Houser of Linn Creek and Miss Edna who is at home. He is also survived by his wife, his mother, four brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Dion, Joel and Grant of Lawton, Oklahoma and Tom of Kansas City. The sisters are Mrs. Julia Cox of Faxon, Oklahoma and Bessie, another sister who is married.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday by Eld. W. H. Scott of Eldon. Mr. Clark united with the Christian church during a meeting held here by Eld. Edmund Wilkes about twenty-five years ago. He was also a member of the MWA order. After the services the remains were conveyed to the Tuscumbia Cemetery for burial. Friends and neighbors join in expressing their sincere sympathy to the family in their sad hour.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1976
John Dubbert, 77, Dixon, died Sunday (January 4, 1976) at Bellflower Nursing Home near Montgomery City. He was born Feb. 19, 1898 near St. Elizabeth, the son of Anton and Josephine Hake Dubbert. Mr. Dubbert was a general laborer. He was a member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church near Iberia.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkweg, St. Elizabeth, and several nieces and nephews.

The rosary will be recited today at the St. Anthony Parish hall. Funeral services will be Tuesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with the Rev. Jerome Jaworski officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, May 2009

Georgia Dean Shreve, age 84, of Iberia, passed away Friday, May 8, 2009, at her home. She was born in Iberia on January 18, 1925, daughter of Will and Beulah (Hicks) Jarrett. On January 12, 1946, in Iberia, Georgia married Glen Victor Shreve, who preceded her in death on March 2, 1976.

Georgia loved sewing and gardening and cherished her grandchildren. She was a member of Iberia Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by two sons, Glenvel Shreve and wife Linda of Iberia and Ronnie Shreve and wife Susette of Waynesville; four daughters, Karen Jenkins of Eldon, Linda Cameron and husband Jim of Eldon, Mary Boone and husband John of Rocky Mount, and Betty Hopper and husband Harold of Barnett; fourteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and one sister, Bonnie Hendley of Horn Lake, Mississippi.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, May 11, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Greg McClain and Rev. Dennis Nichols will officiate. Interment will be in Jarrett Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-8 P.M. on Sunday, May 10, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Jarrett Cemetery.

Lloyd F. Rowden, age 84, of Dixon, passed away Friday, May 8, 2009, at his home. He was born in Miller County on October 21, 1924, son of Grover and Eva Mae (Lawson) Rowden. On September 25, 1948, in Vienna, Lloyd married Viola Ruth Lee, who survives at the home.

Lloyd was a past employee of Dixon Shoe Factory and he was also employed with Civil Service as a Dietary Aide for over 20 years. He was a farmer his entire life and loved to fish and hunt. He served in the Army during WWII. Lloyd was a member of the Iberia American Legion, Iberia VFW, and of Bray’s Advent Christian Church near Iberia.

He is also survived by three sons, Randy Rowden and wife Anita of Dixon, David Rowden and wife Joanie of Iberia, and Mark Rowden of Dixon; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Floyd Rowden and an infant brother.

Visitation will be from 9-11 A.M. with services immediately following at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Minister Julie Weems will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of Iberia VFW Post 6167 and American Legion Post 105, will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to Lloyd Rowden’s Memorial Fund.

Pauline Marie (Beck) Huhman, age 85, of St. Elizabeth, died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, May 10, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Care Center, where she resided.

Pauline was born in St. Elizabeth on March 24, 1924, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Adrian) Beck. She graduated as valedictorian from Tuscumbia High School, and worked as a
secretary for the State of Missouri until her marriage to Herman J. Huhman of Tuscumbia on June 12, 1948. Herman preceded her in death on July 26, 1997. Pauline was a member of the St. Ann’s Sodality of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and was a youth project leader for the Junior Farmer’s Association.

Pauline is survived by her nine children and their spouses, Dianne & Gene Heckemeyer of St. Elizabeth, Elaine & Gary Kempker of Mary’s Home, Marietta & Richard Johnson of Lee’s Summit, Jean & Tom Howard of Auxvasse, Joe & Lerilee Huhman of St. Elizabeth, Linda & Sam Volmert of Folk, Tom and Teresa Huhman of Farmington, Sam & Julie Huhman, and Pat Huhman of Hazelwood. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, Perry Heckemeyer, Lynn Struemph, Kaye Finn, Paul Heckemeyer, Lisa Lucas, Kari France, Michael Kempker, Laurie Kempker, David Kempker, Joe Kempker, Brandy Norton, Beth Snyder, Allison Howard, Lauren Howard, Jessa McLain, Jacob Huhman, Max Huhman, Wes Huhman, Kevin Volmert, Ashley Volmert, Chase Volmert, Brandon Marler, Andrew Huhman, Matthew Huhman, Hannah Huhman, Kate Huhman, Mark Huhman, Maria Huhman, and Ben Huhman; and 15 great-grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by four brothers and their wives, Leonard and Louise Beck, Ted Beck, Ray and Dee Beck, Norbert and Norma Beck, and four sister-in-laws, Eleanor Beck, Marie Huhman, Corine Flick, and Clara Rowan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Alfred Beck.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 12, 2009, from 4-8 P.M. at the St. Elizabeth Community Center with a prayer service at 7 P.M. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 A.M. on Wednesday, May 13, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth. Rev. Ignazio Medina will officiate. Interment will be at St. Lawrence Cemetery in St. Elizabeth. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Lawrence Cemetery or the Resident Activity Fund at the St. Elizabeth Care Center.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, May 2009

Beautes L. Clark, 80, passed away Friday morning May 8, 2009 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. On December 25, 1928 she was born in Stillwell, Oklahoma to the late James F. and Letha Mae (Thomas) Tannehill. On April 27, 1974 she was married in Miller County, Missouri to Samuel Wayne Clark who survives of the home.

Other survivors include four sons: Edgar A. Bilyeu of Kaiser, Missouri, James E. Bilyeu of Illinois, Denver R. Bilyeu of Texas, Dale E. Bilyeu of Missouri; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; two brothers, Dana Tannehill of Eldon, Missouri and Lexie Tannehill of Jefferson City, Missouri; one sister, Wanda Sidebottoms of Lake Ozark, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Quentin, three sisters, Shirley Tannehill, Ann Robinson, and Mary Wallace. She was a housewife who enjoyed doing yard work and working with flowers.

Visitation will be Monday May 11, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri. Funeral Service will be Tuesday May 12, 2009 at 10:00AM at Phillips Funeral Home with Bro. Bob Hoskins officiating. Interment will be at New Hope Cemetery in Kaiser, Missouri Memorials are suggested to Friends of Animals.

Ingrid L. Goode, 82, formerly of Eldon, Missouri, was born February 26, 1927 in Illinois, the daughter of Paul and Pauline Bloomquist and passed away May 10, 2009 at the Puxico Nursing and Rehab Center in Puxico, Missouri.

Ingrid had worked as the bakery manager at Gerbes Supermarket in Eldon for many years. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Eldon, Missouri.

Ingrid and Omer Goode were united in marriage on January 13, 1946 in Illinois and he preceded her in death on January 26, 1996.
Survivors include: a son; Gary Goode of Bloomfield, Missouri, a daughter; Paula Goode of Florida, three grandchildren; DeWayne Barnhart of Joplin, Missouri, Nicholas Roe of Bloomfield and Zachary Goode of Bloomfield and three great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Wednesday evening May 13, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Graveside service will follow the visitation on Wednesday at the Tuscumbia Cemetery in Tuscumbia, Missouri with Rev. Walter Simpson officiating.

The Eye-Opener, Tuscumbia, Mo., Thursday, January 14, 1892
‘Tis with a sad heart and feeling of regret that we this week chronicle the death of Clarence E. Folsom, son of Mrs. John W. Fogelman, who was one of Tuscumbia’s most promising young men, and whose sickness we mentioned last week.

A week ago last Sunday Clarence had a tooth pulled and went skating. His face began to swell and erysipelas set in causing blood poison and his lungs also became affected by the cold he had taken and pneumonia set in. It seemed beyond medical skill to give him relief and at 9 p.m. on Monday he departed this life.

Deceased was the only living son of T.A. and A.P. Folsom, having had three brothers or sisters to go before him.

The funeral was preached at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. L.S. Garrett, of Aurora Springs, on Wednesday at 2 p.m., who selected as his text the thirty-second verse of the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. From the church the remains were conveyed to the city cemetery for interment followed by a vast concourse of relatives and friends.

The pall bearers were John W. Adcock, Edward Kallenbach, Willie Earp, Chas. Thompson, Wm. M. Cummings and A.B. Breen who were his most intimate friends in life.

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the mother and other relatives in this their sad bereavement.

The Miller County Vindicator, Tuscumbia, Mo., Friday, May 20, 1881
Last Sunday evening James Allen, a colored boy about 14 years old, went to the Tavern Creek about two miles east of this Place (Tuscumbia) to go in bathing, and while in the water he got beyond his depth and was drowned. He had been saved once before during the day by another colored boy who rescued him at the risk of his own life, but this time there was no one but some small boys with him, and he had to take the result of his own rashness. His body was recovered in about two hours.

The Miller County Vindicator, Tuscumbia, Mo., Friday, August 26, 1881
Died-August 21st, Marion Manning of Sand Hill congregation. Bro. Manning was a Christian and was well beloved by all good people. We sympathize with his relatives and the congregation of which he was a worthy member. His loss will be felt by both; but he gains all and loses nothing. Blessed thought.

The Miller County Vindicator, Tuscumbia, Mo., Friday, November 25, 1881
Mr. Oathanial Wyrick departed this life on the 6th of November, 1881 at the residence of his son V.L. Wyrick in Seligman, Berry County, MO., after a long illness of ten weeks in which time he entirely lost his eyesight, and his world was total darkness to him for about two and one-half months. He was at his son’s when he was taken to his bed. During his sickness, his son moved to Seligman. When Grandfather was brought in my house he was not there long until he began to mend. In two weeks he could set up and see one walking about him, and in six weeks from the time he was brought to my house, he could walk across the floor with only the support of his cane, and he could see tolerable well, could distinguish persons, and on the 20th of May when he was taken away he was able to walk out to the hack. This was another trying day for Grandfather. He did not want to leave my family, for he often told me so, nor was I willing for
him to leave, only on certain conditions, and this we thought for his benefit, but instead of his getting better, he grew worse. After they reached the station about one mile distant, they entered the cars and fifty miles weary ride for poor Grandfather. They landed in Seligman, where he was taken to his bed again, and suffered those long summer days, through, when God relieved him of his pain, on the 6th day of November, 181, at the age of 67 years, 3 months and 25 days. My dear relatives and friends, if God spares our lives, we will all grow old and we will all need helping hand, to support our tottering footsteps.

My dear relatives, Grandfather is gone to try the realities of an unknown world to us, and we know not how long it will be before we are called to try the same. So therefore let us be prepared to meet the Father in peace; let us so live that we can say as Grandfather did, we are willing to die, we are willing to leave this world. May God grant us all a peaceful and willing hour in which to die. Let us be prepared to meet those who have crossed over the river of death, for

They are watching at the portal,
They are waiting at the door;
Waiting only for our coming,
Oh! The loved ones gone before.

The bereaved ones will have their grief shared by one granddaughter of the deceased.

Mary E. Melton

The Miller County Vindicator, Friday, November 3, 1882

**Belle A. Weldon**, wife of Thomas H. Weldon departed this life Oct. 16th, 1882, after an illness of 23 days. She was born in Miller County, Mo., February 28th, 1862, and became a member of the Christian Church some four years ago near the time she was married.

She was the mother of two dear little jewels, one a little boy had fallen asleep July 25th, and its little spirit was the first to enter the bright spirit land. As a wife she was all that could be expected of mortal woman—ever kind, loving, sympathizing and protecting. She lived true to her profession, and her life was full of golden fruits of the spirit.

The bereaved have the sympathy of many friends, and they have the blessed assurance that her spirit is at rest.

Bell Rouds m. Thomas Weldon 19 Sep 1878 in Miller County, MO

Thomas Weldon m. Annie M. Richardson 17 Jun 1883, in Miller County, MO

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, May 2009

**Rolland Leo Duncan**, age 86, of Tuscumbia, died Monday, May 11, 2009, at Boone Hospital Center. He was born in Pevely on June 25, 1922, a son of the late John and Stella (Dean) Duncan. In March 1976, in Camdenton, he was married to Reba Wickham, who survives at the home.

Rolland was a Navy veteran. He was a member of the Versailles Masonic Lodge 320 and Local 513. He was also a Miller County Democratic Chairman for four years. Rolland loved all little kids and his dog, Grizzly Bear and he enjoyed spending his time hunting and fishing.

Others who survive him include: three children, Lynne Cadorette and husband Don of Nashville, Tennessee, Macher Davis of Austin, Indiana and Toni Burks and husband Bill of Tuscumbia; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; two brothers, Walter Duncan of Versailles and Dale Duncan of Crocker and numerous nieces and nephews.

Two children, Farron and D.J. Stone and six brothers, John, Dean, James, Lawrence, Kenneth and Chester Duncan, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14 with a Masonic Service at 11:30 a.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Services will immediately follow at 12:00 p.m. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment with military honors provided by the Miller
Leonard E. Wood, age 71, of Eldon, died Monday, May 11, 2009, at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born in Eldon on October 3, 1937, a son of the late Clyde Edward and Lucy (Boan) Wood. In 1963, in Miller County, he was married to Bonnie Hodge. On June 3, 1977 in Brumley, he was married to Pearl Wood, who preceded him in death on May 16, 2002.

Leonard was a truck driver for Eldon Freightways, Inc. He was an Army veteran, member of the Miller County VFW Post 2442 and the Eastside Assembly of God Church in Eldon. He enjoyed fishing, playing music, spending time with friends and especially family game night.

Those who survive him include: three children, Ray Lamar Wood and wife Rhonda of Jefferson City, Tony D. Wood and wife Pam of Eldon and Angela Wood of Eldon; one stepdaughter, Sonja Morgan and husband Joseph of Henley; two stepsons, Curtis Williams and wife Maggie and Rocky Williams, all of the state of California; two sisters, Barbara Slaughter and husband Carl of McLouth, Kansas and Mary Rosalee Shelden and husband Don of Jefferson City; 12 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Two sons, Randy and Sean Wood, also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, with services immediately following at 12:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Sister Buena Huffman will officiate. Military honors provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be held immediately follow the services. Interment will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Leonard E. Wood Memorial Fund.

Ruby Brendell, age 84, of Florissant, formerly of Iberia, passed away Friday, May 15, 2009, at DePaul Health Center in St. Louis. She was born in Rolla on January 5, 1925, daughter of Darwin and Martha (Kee) St. Clair. On July 30, 1945, Ruby married John Brendell, who preceded her in death on July 25, 1992.

Ruby was a graduate of Crocker High School and St. Louis Community College. She was a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran of World War II and she was also a member of the American Legion.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda K. Fiers of Eldon; her son, John Steven Brendell of St. Charles; five grandchildren; David Fiers, Lori Priest, Brent Fiers, Brett Brendell, and Amanda Brendell; and two great-grandchildren, Michaela and Katie Priest.

Services will be held at 1 P.M. on Sunday, May 17, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Greg McClain will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of Iberia VFW Post 6167 and American Legion Post 105 will be in Madden Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 5-8 P.M. on Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the funeral home.


He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and enjoyed auctions. Wilferd retired from the United States Air Force as a master sergeant.

He is also survived by his children, Teresa Powers and husband John of Little Rock, Arkansas, Lori D. Pendleton of Little Rock, Arkansas, Robert Henthorn of Richland, Loretta Loethen and husband Danny of St. Elizabeth, Vickie Adams of Fulton, James Henthorn and wife Eva of Washborn, Maine, and Peggy Henthorn of Camdenton; fourteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a faithful furry companion, Blondie.
He was preceded in death by his sister, Jackie Hicks and his daughter, Kim Henthorn Eames.

A graveside service will be held at 10 A.M. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Union Cemetery in Iberia. Rev. Charlie Shurt will officiate. Contributions are suggested to the Wilferd Pendleton Memorial Fund.

Eska Hensley, age 92, of Waynesville, formerly of Iberia, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Life Care Center of Waynesville. She was born in Iberia on July 1, 1916, daughter of the late John C. and Maggie (Sooter) Hensley.

Eska loved embroidering and playing bingo. She was a Registered Nurse and worked in St. Louis and St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. She later took care of her parents until their death.

Eska is survived by her nieces, Barb Rollins and Jeanette Whittle; and her nephews, Gerald Hensley of Overland Park, Kansas, and Junior Hensley.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Comer Hensley, Arkley Hensley, Wilford Hensley, and Otho Hensley; and three sisters, Lena Scarbough, Gladys Johnson, and Sister Mary Paul.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at Union Cemetery near Iberia. Rev. Dennis Nichols will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to Union Cemetery.


She worked for 28 years at the Dixon Shoe Factory and other shoe factories in Belle, Bland, and Owensville. Viola was a member of the Campground Christian Church near Meta. She is survived by several nieces, nephews, and two sister-in-laws, Oma Vaughan of Jefferson City and Lillie Bryant of Pontiac, Michigan.

She was also preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters, Wm. (Hood) Vaughan, Rainey Vaughan, Ray Vaughan, Johnny Vaughan, Willard Vaughan, Mina (Wells) McClary, Lou Ella (Barnhart) Sassler, Nettie Jurgens, Tillie Kinkead, Hazel Moeckli, Hester Wilson, and Leona (Roberts) Pippins.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. with services immediately following at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May, 28, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Rev. Manuel Seaton will officiate. Interment will be in Stokes Cemetery near Meta. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Campground Christian Church.

Gertrude Barbara Scheulen, age 88, of Eldon, died Monday, May 18, 2009 at St. Marys Health Center. She was born in St. Elizabeth on March 16, 1921, a daughter of the late Henry Ben and Anna Marie (Kirkweg) Nilges. On September 15, 1941, in Columbia, she was married to Joseph Ben Scheulen, who preceded her in death on November 15, 1968.

Gertrude was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon. Those who survive her include: five children, Barbara Witt and husband Ronnie of Barnett, Leonard Scheulen and wife Marsha of Eldon, Fran Watson and husband Larry of Eldon, Ruby Witt and husband Jim of Eldon and Bernard Scheulen of Meta; 19 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. One daughter, Anna Marie Kinkade, also preceded her in death.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon. Rev. Frederick Elskamp will officiate. Interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery in St. Elizabeth. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. with a prayer service at
7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to American Diabetes Association.

Betty Ann Rodd, age 75, of Eldon, died Thursday, May 21, 2009, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in Wendell, Idaho on February 22, 1934, a daughter of the late Ray and Lillian Blanche (Puckett) Dudley.

Those who survive her include: seven children, Barbara Amkram and husband Dave of Athol, Idaho, Billy Rodd and wife Annie of Wendover, Nevada, Robert R. Rodd and wife Lounell of Woodruff, South Carolina, Lauren Rodd and wife Wanda of Rocky Mount, Paul Rodd, Sam Rodd and wife Dianne, and Vynette Rodd all of Wendover, Nevada; 17 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren and one sister, Clara Robinson of Wendell, Idaho.

Her husbands, Robert H. Rodd and Leonard Rodd and one great granddaughter, Raven Holbert, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Pastor Trevor Hayes will officiate. A private family interment will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice in memory of Betty Ann Rodd.

Elsie A. Shikles, age 89, of Jefferson City, died Saturday, May 30, 2009, at St. Marys Health Center. She was born in Morgan County on September 1, 1919, a daughter of the late William Talbert and Edna Eugene (Sidebottom) McKinney. On December 27, 1941 she was married to Bluford Raymond Shikles, who preceded her in death on April 9, 1969.

Elsie was a member of First Baptist Church of Jefferson City. She enjoyed playing cards and was a big Cardinals baseball fan. She also enjoyed reminiscing about her childhood.

Those who survive her include: twelve nieces and nephews, Roy Houston and wife Audrey of High Point, Thelma Harbison and husband Rex of Kansas City, Johnny Hogan of Pass Christian, Mississippi, Shirley Taylor and husband Don of Eldon, Larry Brown and wife Cheryll of Sturgeon, Darlene Bunch and husband Marvin of Eldon, Karen Dishman and husband Max of Henley, Fran Winters and husband David of Eldon, Denise Gliser and husband Larry of New Bloomfield, Deann Parsons and husband Kenny of Eldon, Shawna Walker and husband Kenny of Jefferson City and Terry Brown and wife Jeanne of Holts Summit; numerous great nieces and nephews and numerous great-great nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Roy and Jimmie McKinney and two sisters, Fannie Hogan and Oma Brown, also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Interment will be in Enloe Cemetery near Russellville. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to American Heart Association.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, May 2009

Gerald "Jerry" Groose, Sr. 68, passed away Friday morning May 15, 2009 at his home in Henley, Missouri. He was born on April 20, 1941 in Etterville, Missouri to the late Arthur F. "Doc" and Anna Faye (Graham) Groose. On November 24, 1962 he was married in Jefferson City, Missouri to Barbara (Schepers) Groose who survives of the home.

Other survivors include; a son, Gerald "Doug" Groose of O'Fallon, Missouri; daughters Tina Buckley of Jefferson City, Missouri, Tonya Groose of Henley, Missouri; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers Patrick Groose of Henley, Missouri and Robert Groose of Henley, Missouri; sisters Nancy Kempker of Eugene, Missouri and Donna Schulte of Jefferson City, Missouri; several nieces and nephews.

Gerald served in the United States Army and was an avid hunter and fisherman.
Visitation will be Monday May 18, 2009, 4:00PM - 8:00PM at Phillips Funeral Home. The funeral will be Tuesday, May 19 at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home with interment to follow at Hickory Hill Cemetery.

**Oliver "Ollie" Mergelkamp.** 77 passed away Thursday morning May 21, 2009 at his home in Olliewood, Missouri. On February 23, 1932 he was born in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Oliver W. and Margaret (Coffman) Mergelkamp. On September 30, 1950 he was married in St. Louis, Missouri to Mary Arline (Wooldridge) who survives of the home.

His children are: Janet & Daniel Wirick of Fenton, MO, Nancy Shields of Indianapolis, IN, Gary Mergelkamp of Palm Springs, CA, Michael Mergelkamp of Olliewood, MO, Mark & Teresa Mergelkamp of Olliewood, MO, Margie & John Brockmeier of Olliewood, MO, Lisa Veatch of Eldon, MO; eleven grandchildren, Matthew Bridwell, Tennille Brown, Sarah Mergelkamp, William Shields, John M. Brockmeier, Dru Shields, Anni Brockmeier, Luke Veatch, Logan Veatch, Steven Brockmeier, Katherine Veatch; three great-grandchildren Darian, Dearah, and Omri Mergelkamp; a sister Thelnora "Icky" Vollmer of St. Louis, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Helen Rausch, and one son in law, Brad E. Veatch.

He was an over the road truck driver and was transfered from St. Louis in 1971 to the Lake of the Ozarks area, living in Rocky Mount. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church having been a Eucharistic Minister for many years, serving residents in nursing homes and the homebound. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #7133 of Eldon, Missouri where he was instrumental in recruiting many members. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree of St. Jude Assembly. After his retirement, Ollie and his family moved in 1996 outside of Barnett where he developed a beautiful homestead called Olliewood where he enjoyed fishing from his private lake. He and Arline were blessed to have shared 59 plus years of marriage together.

A Rosary will be prayed Monday evening at 7:30 PM at Phillips Funeral Home. Memorials for Ollie are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or In care of the family for the Dialysis Center of Osage Beach, Missouri.

**April Gayle Masters,** 35, of Eldon, died Monday, May 25, 2009 at her residence near Eldon. She was born on March 19, 1974 in Columbia, Missouri the daughter of Kenny and Deby McDaniel.

She was employed at Osage Healthcare for nine years. She was a member of Calvary Chapel Lake of the Ozarks. She enjoyed collecting frogs.

She is survived by her daughters, Lacey and Haley Masters both of Eldon; her parents, Deby and Kenny McDaniel of Versailles; companion, Les Werst of Eldon; grandparents, James and Georgia Masters of Eldon; brother, Tim Wilson of Versailles; sister, Trish Wilson of Iberia; and best friend, Leslie Cochran of Crocker.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. Funeral Service will be on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 11:00 at Calvary Chapel Lake of the Ozarks in Osage Beach with Pastor Cliff Simmons officiating. Burial will be in the Versailles Cemetery in Versailles, Mo. Memorials are suggested to In Care of the Family.

**Bill Hickey,** 76, of Eldon, died Monday, May 25, 2009 at Eldon Nursing and Rehab in Eldon, Mo. He was born on September 29, 1932 in Alton, Missouri the son of the late Arthur and Tracy (Moore) Hickey. He was married on August 22, 1961 in Bridgeton, Missouri to Nancy (Burch) Hicky who survives in Eugene, Mo.

Bill was a member of Sullivan Christian Church in Sullivan, Missouri. He was also a member of Ironworkers #396 for 55 years before his retirement.
Bill is survived by his wife, Nancy Hickey of the home; daughter, Karen Vance of Eugene; sons; David Hickey of Gonzales, LA, Daniel Hickey of St. James, Mo., Joseph Hickey of Eldon, Mo.; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and a sister Fern Hosack of O’Fallon, Mo. He is preceded in death by his parents, on sister Rosa Hickey and two brothers, George and Gerald Hickey.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:00 PM at Meramac Springs in St. James MO with Pastor Jeff Bent officiating. Bill has donated his body as an anatomical gift to Washington University in St. Louis Mo.

Raymond C. Behrens, 93, of Eldon, died Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at Heisinger Bluffs, Jefferson City. His wife of 70 years, Brooksy Behrens, preceded him in death in 2008. They had been residents of Heisinger Bluffs since late 2007.

As a charter member of the Lake Ozark Lions Club, he originated The School of the Osage Pun-ga-har-jo in 1952. For his efforts, he was named the club’s first “Lion of the Year.” Subsequently, he served for the next 16 years as chair or co-chair of the annual high school party.

He and his wife were thought of as inseparable—partners in business as well as marriage. When, late in life, her memory failed, he was devoted to her care. For all his many honors and achievements, their family thinks of those years as his finest hours.

The two were founding members of three area churches, Bethany Lutheran Church, Eldon, and Hope Lutheran Chapel and Glaize Drive-In Worship Services (now Hope Chapel Drive-In Services), Osage Beach. At the drive-in service’s 50th anniversary celebration in 2008, he was recognized for his leadership. The couple also organized worship services for eight seasons at Tan-Tar-A Resort. For many years, he served on numerous statewide boards of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, including the Missouri District Board of Directors and Board of Missions. He also served two terms as zone president of the Lutheran Layman’s League.

For eight years, he was chairman of the Miller County Republican Central Committee and for six years was a member of the Republican State Committee. Former Gov. John Ashcroft appointed him to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging. In 1992, he was named Eldon’s Distinguished Citizen of the Year. He was chairman of Eldon’s Meals on Wheels for six years and for 12 years chaired Eldon Aglow, the city’s annual Christmas lighting program.

Raymond Charles Behrens was born May 17, 1916, in Mt. Hulda, MO., to Jacob and Emma Kullman Behrens. A 1935 graduate of Jefferson City High School, he moved to the lake area in 1936, first employed with the US Resettlement Administration in land acquisition and resettlement of area farmers. He then became chief clerk of the area National Park Service and later a project engineer with the WPA in the development of what is now Lake of the Ozarks State Park.

He met his wife-to-be during that time. The two were married in 1937 and settled in her hometown of Old Bagnell where he was Bagnell Village Clerk for 20 years. During World War II, he served in the U. S. Army.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1972

Graveside services were conducted today at the St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, St. Elizabeth, for Pamela G. Goeller, eight-day old daughter of John A. and Linda M. Kleffner Goeller of Route 1, Meta. The child died Wednesday morning at the University of Missouri Medical Center, Columbia. The Rev. Ferdinand Bonn, church pastor officiated.

The child was born March 21 (1972) at Tuscumbia and was baptized at the medical center by the Rev. Patrick O’Gara of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Columbia.

Other survivors include: on brother, Christopher Goeller and one sister, Karen Goeller, both of the home.
The paternal grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude Goeller, Iberia; maternal grandparents, Tony and Viola Kleffner, Brinktown; and the maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Irvin, Dixon. Stevinson Funeral Home, St. Elizabeth, was in charge of arrangements.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1977
Bonnots Mill Native Dies at Eldon

**Julius R. (Jid) Gensert**, 74, of Eldon, died Tuesday, May 3, 1977 at Memorial Hospital. He was born Oct. 2, 1902 in Bonnots Mill, the son of William and Alice Boillot Gensert. In 1921 at Chicago, Ill, he married the former Miss Anna Fassbinder, who survives.

Other survivors include; one daughter, Mrs. Betty McCubbin of Eldon; two sons, Gene and Gerald Gensert, both of Eldon; one brother, Andrew Gensert, Eldon; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Sobel, Denver, Colo.; and Mrs. Irene Siegers, Wayland, Mich.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon with Msgr. John Driesoerner officiating. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1970
St. Elizabeth Resident Dies

**John Holtmeyer**, 92, of St. Elizabeth, died Monday, Dec. 14, (1970) at the home of his nephew, Frank C. Holtmeyer of Route 1, St. Elizabeth. A native of the St. Elizabeth area in Miller County, Mr. Holtmeyer was born Oct. 12, 1878, the son of Dietrich and Gertrude Schulte Holtmeyer. A farmer in the St. Elizabeth community all his life, Mr. Holtmeyer was never married. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church at St. Elizabeth, where funeral services were conducted Wednesday with the Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Survivors include: three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Moline, St. Louis; Mrs. Angeline Stuckenschneider, St. Elizabeth; and Mrs. Rosie Rauchenbach, St. Louis. Mr. Holtmeyer was also a member of the Holy Name Society.

Mid-Missouri newspaper - 1971
A former Eldon resident, **Donald Dean Denman**, 19, of Trona, Calif., was fatally injured in a weekend (February 20, 1971) work accident on the west coast. Mr. Denman, son of Mrs. Doris Denman of Eldon, was working at the American Potash and Chemical Company. According to initial reports of the accident received here, it occurred while freight was being loaded and he was caught between a box car and a crane.

Mr. Denman and his wife, the former Becky Crouch of Eldon, have been in California about a year, and had recently bought a new home there.

In addition to his wife of the home and his mother here, survivors include a small daughter, Michelle of the home; his father, Glen Denman and a brother, David, also in California, and brother, Eugene, and sister, Deloris (sp?) of Eldon.

Mr. Denman attended Eldon High School in 1965 -1969.

Funeral services for Mr. Denman were set for 10 a.m. Pacific time (12 noon Central time) today (Thursday) at the Lyons Funeral Home in Ridgecrest, California. His mother, brother and sister here and his wife's mother, Mrs. Opal Crouch, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchanan, went to California for the services.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1974

**Mrs. Bertha Dulle**, 88, of 3301 Country Club Dr., died Tuesday (January 1, 1974) at Memorial Hospital after an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Dulle was born June 2, 1885, at St. Thomas, the daughter of Frank X. and Anna Gerling Schell. She was married Nov. 14, 1907, at Jefferson City to Victor H. Dulle, who died Jan. 6, 1959.
She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, the Altar Sodality and Glennon Circle No. 322, Daughter of Isabella.

Survivors include: one son, Cletus Dulle, Eldon; four daughters, Mrs. Thelma Peterson, 3301 County Club Dr.; Mrs. Dorothy Dallas, 1607 Beverly St.; Mrs. Rosemary Bennett, 601 Monroe St., and Mrs. Margaret Ann Burmeister, Manchester; one sister, Miss Laura Schell, 924 Washington St.; 22 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

The rosary will be said today at Dulle Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Buchanan officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Mid-Missouri newspaper - 1974

Mrs. Ada Bell DeGraffenreid, 78, of Eldon, died unexpectedly Thursday (January 16, 1974) at her home. She was born Dec. 4, 1895, at Zebra, the daughter of James and Matilda Reed Byrd. She was married may 16, 1915, at Kaiser to Eleven C. DeGraffenreid, who survives. She was a member of the New Hope Freewell Baptist Church, near Kaiser.

Other survivors include: five sons, Preston T. DeGraffenreid, Ollen F. DeGraffenreid and Charles E. DeGraffenreid, all of Eldon, Johnnie DeGraffenreid, Etterville; and Stanley J. DeGraffenreid, Charleston, S. C. Five daughters, Mrs. Bulah Jeffries and Mrs. Ila Miller, both of Eldon; Mrs. Eulah Strutton, Woodland, Calif.; Mrs. Lois Robinett, Sweet Springs and Mrs. Lila Robinett, Green Forest Ark.; one sister Mrs. Bessie Bowin, Osage City, Kans.; one brother, Albert Byrd, Brumley; 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at the New Hope Church, with the Rev. A. E. Williams officiating. Burial will be in the New Hope Cemetery, near Kaiser. Arrangements are by the Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon.

Mid-Missouri newspaper - 1971

Thurman O. Duncan, 68, of Rte. 3, Dixon, died Monday (January 18, 1971) at Charles E. Still Hospital, Jefferson City, where he had been a patient some two weeks. Mr. Duncan, a farmer, had been a life long resident of Miller and Maries counties. He was born May 17, 1902 in Miller County near Iberia, the son of William and Judith (Woody) Duncan. On Sept. 30, 1926, he was married at Vienna to Miss Mary Barnhart, who survives at the home. Mr. Duncan worked as a lineman when electrical lines were first extended into the area. He was a member of the Camp Ground Christian Church near Meta, and was baptized by the Rev. Mark Sooter.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, James C. Duncan of Rte. 3, Dixon; three grandsons, Ricky, Randy and Timothy Duncan, Rte 3, Dixon; one brother, Clint Duncan of Iberia; and two sisters, Miss Stella Duncan and Miss Opal Duncan, both of Rte. 3, Dixon.

Funeral services for Mr. Duncan were held Wednesday at Camp Ground Christian Church. The Rev. Earl Jones and the Rev. Mark Sooter officiated. Burial was in the Duncan cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pall bearers were Eugene Duncan, Manuel Seaton, Steadman Copeland, Ernest Barnhart, Raymond Wilson and Roe Champlian. Honorary pall bearers were Clay Seaton, Charles Barnhart, Dewayne Rakes, Johnnie Champlian, Joe Champlian, and Leonard Champlian.

Mid-Missouri newspaper, 1971

Mrs. Dollie M. Davenport of Eldon, died of heart disease Thursday, Jan. 14, 1971, at a hospital in Fulton. She was 74 years of age. She was the wife of James William (Bill) Davenport, who survives at the home on W. Sixth St., Eldon. Mrs. Davenport was born at Olean, Oct. 19, 1896, the daughter of the late Alex and Susan Clay Alexander Jordan.

She was a member of the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon and of Barnett Chapter 303, Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Davenport received her 50 year Eastern Star pin on Oct. 10, 1969.
In addition to her husband, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Sylvia Henderson of St. Louis, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Ninth Street Christian Church with the minister, Woody Wilkinson, officiating. Burial was in Dooley cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Pallbearers were Ray Taylor, J. C. Hatch, Paul Imler, Wilmer Lake, Oren Edgmond, and John Connell.

Mid-Missouri newspaper - 1971

Mrs. Lottie C. Dayton, 87, of St. Louis, formerly of Tuscumbia, died Wednesday, April 28, 1971, at the Manchester Nursing Home at Ballwin. Mrs. Dayton was born May 8, 1883 near Tuscumbia, the daughter of Samuel and Lottie (Barnhart) Varner. She was married in 1900 to John A. Dayton, who preceded her in death in December, 1938.

Mrs. Dayton lived in Miller County, Pulaski County and St. Louis County. She attended the Baptist Church. Mrs. Dayton was also preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Elmer and Edgar.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Mudd of Webster Groves; six son, George of Newburg; Clause of Brentwood; Samuel of Pasadena, Tex.; Fred of Kankakee, Ill.; Burley of Houston, Tex.; and Ernest of St. Louis.; 30 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia, with the Rev. Stanley A. Dayton officiating. Interment was in the Bethany Cemetery near Crocker. Pallbearers were Dennis Mudd, Jim Mudd, Joe Mudd, Charley Dayton, Floyd Dayton and Harold Dayton.

Mid-Missouri newspaper - 1971

Mr. Edminson, 75, of Osage Beach, dies at Hospital

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Camdenton for Richard Edminson of Osage Beach. Mrs. Edminson, 75, died Thursday, June 3, 1971, at a hospital in Jefferson City. He was a veteran of World War 1 military service. Mr. Edminson was born in Illinois, Feb. 9, 18896, the son of Richard and Minnie Edminson. On July 25, 1922, he was married to Clara Elizabeth Rupp. They moved to the Osage Beach area of the Lake of the Ozarks 14 years ago.

In addition to his wife, Clara, of the home at Osage Beach, he is survived by one brother, Dewey Edminson of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. Sara Rittmeyer of Oak Park, Ill.; and one nephew and one niece.

The Ralph C. Egolf officiated at the services Sunday at the Georgia Wade Chapel of the Walter Hedges Funeral Home in Camdenton. Burial was in the Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett.

Mid-Missouri newspaper - 1972

Funeral services for Mrs. Marletta Eiken, 57, a former Miller County resident, were held Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon. Mrs. Eiken died Saturday, June 3, 1972, at the Burt manor Nursing Home in Liberty where she had been a patient for two months.

She was born May 25, 1915 to W. E. and Maggie Crane Spencer of Iberia. She was married to Avie Eiken Oct. 1, 1933. Her husband preceded her in death in July 1966.

Mrs. Eiken moved to Kansas City in July 1966 and to Kearney in January 1971. She was a member of St. Ann's Church in Excelsior Springs.

Mrs. Eiken is survived by three sons, Curtis J. Eiken and Daniel Lee Eiken of Holt, and William J. Eiken of Kansas City; a daughter, Mrs. James (Geraldine) Abbott, Lake Ozark; two brothers, Walter Spencer, Etterville; and R. J. Spencer, Eldon; two sisters, Mrs. Herb Eiken, Jefferson City, and Mrs. Otto Schulte, Columbia; and nine grandsons.

The Rev. John H. Dreisoeerner officiated at the services. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009
Mary Weeks, 87 of Eldon, Missouri passed away Friday evening May 29, 2009 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born on March 26, 1922 in Iberia, Missouri to the late George and Alice (Jarrett) Barr. She was married in Eldon, Missouri to Elmer Melville Weeks who preceded her in death on October 8, 1970.

She is survived by a son David Weeks and wife Elaine of Poughkeepsie, New York; grandchildren John Weeks, Brian Weeks, Rhonda Currie, and Randy Owens. She was preceded in death by her husband and a daughter, Barbara Owens. She was a lifetime resident of Miller County.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 2 from 8-9:45 a.m. Graveside services will follow at 10 a.m. at Eldon City Cemetery.

Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009

Robert George Luttrell, age 93, of Fairmount, Indiana, formerly of Iberia, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at his home. He was born in Iberia on March 24, 1916, son of the late William and Mary (Reinhart) Luttrell. He was married in Pulaski County to Thelma Rowden, who survives at the home.

Robert served in the Army during WWII where he received the Purple Heart. He is a lifetime member of the Iberia VFW Post 410 and Disabled American Veteran of Waynesville. Robert was a member of Iberia Church of Christ.

He is also survived by two daughters, Nadine McCrite of Fairmount, Indiana and Nancy Brown and husband Lee of Crocker; two stepchildren, Nora Ann Whittle of Alaska and Clyde Wilson of Iberia; two grandchildren, Vicki Arends and Chris McCrite; six step-grandchildren, Berlin Whittle of Alaska, Dwight Whittle of Colorado, Ivory Wilson of Iberia, Deana Rowden of Iberia, Tanya Henson of St. Elizabeth, and Debra Nichols of Iberia; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Pauline O’Brian of Mountain View. He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Roger Fischer will officiate. Interment will be in Bray’s Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice.

Jefferson City News Tribune, Monday, January 15, 1940

Ephriam Andrew Rush, former resident of Jefferson City and of recent years of Holt Summit, died at St. Mary's Hospital at 3:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was about 55 years old.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Lucy J. Rush, he is survived by three daughters of the home, Misses Lucille, Georgia and Hazel; two of Jefferson City, Mrs. Martha Phillips, Mrs. Nellie Sanders; one son, Oliver Rush, one daughter, Mrs. Nora Ferris of Otterville; a son, Ephriam Rush, Jr., of Fortuna; two daughters of Kansas City, Mrs. Beatrice Johnson, Mrs. Gladys Miller; two brothers, Oscar Rush of Nowata, Okla., and Louis Rush of Jefferson City. Thirteen grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Full Gospel church by the Rev. S. E. Braden at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Burial will be at Holt Summit. The body will lie in state at the Tanner funeral home until 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Jefferson City Tribune, Tuesday, January 3, 1961

ELDON (Special) Mrs. Lucy Rush, 77, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nora Farris, Eldon.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at United Pentecostal Church, Jefferson City, with the Rev. F. A. Braden officiating. Burial will be in Union Hill Cemetery, Holts Summit.
Born April 2, 1883, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stepp. Her husband, Ephriam Rush, died in 1940. In addition to Mrs. Farris survivors include seven other daughters, Mrs. Nellie Sanders and Mrs. Georgia Fries, Eldon; Mrs. Martha Phillips, Lake Ozark; Mrs. Beatrice Johnson, Raytown; Mrs. Lucille Crow, Arlington, VA.; and Mrs. Hazel Redmon, Kansas City, Kan.; two sons, William O. Rush, Eldon; and Ephriam Rush, Chicago; one brother, William Stepp, Kansas City, Kan.; 26 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Jefferson City Post Gazette, 12 Jan 1931

William Rush, 44, died at his home near Centertown yesterday after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Rush was born in Miller County and came to Cole County ten years ago. He settled on a farm near Centertown and has made his home there since that time.

Besides the bereaved widow he is mourned by nine children. His father, Oliver Rush of Jefferson City, and three brothers, Oscar of Oklahoma, Louis and E. A. Rush of Jefferson City also survive him.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at the Rush Creek Church in Miller County, and burial will be in the church yard there.

Rush had a wide acquaintance in Jefferson City, where he frequently visited with members of his family.

Unknown Publication, April 1911

Our people were saddened Tuesday afternoon, April 18, 1911, when it was learned that Elias Stillwell, one of our aged and respected pioneer citizens had died at the family home on Main Street that afternoon at 2:30 O’clock. His condition has been critical several weeks since he received a fall and his death was not unexpected.

Elias Stillwell was born July 30, 1820, in Hancock County, Maryland, and had he lived until July 30 he would have been ninety-one years of age. At the age of nineteen years he left home, going to Jelloway, Knox County, Ohio, where he was married to Mary Ann Hamrick in 1844. To this union six children were born, four of whom survive, Orl, of Warrensburg; Robert of Pleasant Hill, Millard of Warrensburg, and Mrs. Ola St. Clair, of Kansas City. Mrs. Stillwell departed this life in 1858. The family moved to Pettis County, Missouri, and at the breaking out of the Civil War Mr. Stillwell was living in Georgetown. He responded to the call of President Lincoln for three months’ volunteers and enlisted in the 6th Mo. Cavalry. After the expiration of his enlistment he located in Sedalia. In 1864 he moved to Warrensburg and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1865 he was married to Mary Ann Brinkmann, to whom seven children were born, four of whom survived their father as follows: Walter S. of Tuscumbia; Oren of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Ira of the Philippine Islands and Miss Stella who is still at home.

When but twenty years of age Mr. Stillwell united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, remaining a member of the church and living a consistent Christian life for more than seventy years. In his dealings with his fellow men he was strictly honest, upright and charitable, and his good deeds will long be a consolation and a pleasant memory to his bereaved relatives and friends. His was a long and useful live and the world is the better for his living. It is to such citizens as the deceased that honor is due for this development of the country and making it possible for those of the present day to enjoy our wholesome institutions following in the wake of the privations suffered by our pioneers. Such lives as Mr. Stillwell lived will long remain fresh in the memory of those who knew him.

Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009

Nolan Ryan Schroeder, age 28, of Meta, passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. He was born in Jefferson City on July 21, 1980, son of Charles William and Doris Elizabeth (Werner) Schroeder.
Nolan enjoyed raising Registered Quarter Horses and was employed at Diamond Pet Foods in Meta. He was in the U.S. Army, the Missouri National Guard, and was an Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran. He was a member of the VFW Argyle Post 8045, AQHA, and the NCHA. Nolan was also a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta.

He is survived by his parents; four brothers, Michael Schroeder and wife Monica, Josh Schroeder and wife Jennifer, Cordell Schroeder and wife Jeanette, and D.J. Schroeder and wife Joanne all of Meta; and ten nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2009, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta. Rev. Mark Porterfield will officiate. Interment with military honors will be in St. Cecilia Cemetery in Meta. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, at the church. Contributions are suggested to the Nolan Schroeder Memorial Cancer Fund.

Anna Lorene Fancher-Lupardus, age 90, of Iberia, passed away Friday, June 12, 2009, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born on April 4, 1919, daughter of the late Albert and Effie (Barnhart) Keeth. On May 12, 1939, in St. Louis, she married Jack Fancher, who preceded her in death on November 18, 1985. On June 29, 1994, in Ulman, she married Ted Lupardus, who preceded her in death on January 22, 1996.

Lorene was a member of the Iberia Garden Club, the Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild, and the Iberia Eastern Star. Lorene was also a member of Iberia First Christian Church.

She is survived by two sons, Terry Fancher and wife Peggy and Jackie Fancher both of Iberia; one daughter Peggy Thompson and husband Tom of Rogersville; five grandchildren, Cory Fancher, Tara Luttrell, Luke Fancher, John Fancher, and Andrew Fancher all of Iberia; and five great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Stan Way will officiate. Interment will be in Livingston Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Christian Church, the Alzheimer’s Association, or to the American Cancer Association.

Oliver L. Jacoby, retired Master Sergeant U.S. Air Force, age 85, of Iberia, passed away Saturday, June 13, 2009, at University Hospital in Columbia. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, on April 16, 1924, son of the late Frederick and Mary (Lutz) Jacoby. On March 18, 1958, in Ulm, Germany, Oliver married Lotte Marianne Saum, who survives at the home.

He is also survived by four sons, Roland Jacoby and wife Doris of Plato, Michael Jacoby and wife Maria of El Paso, Texas, Alan Jacoby and wife Carren of Iberia, Frederick Jacoby and wife Debbie of Howe, Indiana; one daughter Deborah Zeman and husband Gary of Linn Creek; sixteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Ernest Jacoby and wife Mary of C.D.A Idaho; and one sister-in-law, Mary Ann Jacoby of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Oliver served in the U.S. Air Force for over 22 years, during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, also serving in the Philippines, New Guinea, and many cities around the world. He also worked for the City of Las Vegas for 14 years as a license inspector.

A graveside service with military honors will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in Springfield Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Springfield Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, April 2009

Pauline M. (Meredith) Stark, age 89, of Eldon, died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Lake Regional Hospital. She was born in Iberia on September 29, 1919, a daughter of the late Clint and Anna (Keeth) Meredith. On October 2, 1942 in Miller County, she was married to Basil H. Stark, who preceded her in death on March 7, 1986.
Pauline was a member of the Eldon VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a member of Blue Springs Baptist Church for over 60 years and was currently a member of First Baptist Church in Eldon.

Those who survive her include: daughter, DeAnn Morgan and husband Leroy of Washington, Missouri; two sons, Ronald Stark and wife Linda of Los Angeles, California and Mark Stark and fiancé T.J. of Eldon; one brother, Gail Meredith of Centralia; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Two sisters, Waunetta Perry and Geneva Meredith, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 with services immediately following at 1:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Bro. Bob Buster will officiate. Interment will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens near Barnett. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Howard A. Rusk Rehabilitation Center.

Robert J. Quigley, age 85, of Eldon, died Thursday, April 9, 2009, at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia. He was born in Swanwick, Illinois on August 15, 1923, a son of the late James M. and Ethel (Halb) Quigley. He was married on November 30, 1945 in Pocahontas, Arkansas to Virginia Ava Conant, who survives at the home.

Robert served in the US Army Air Force as an aircraft pilot and First Lieutenant with the First Air Commando Group in India and Burma, earning two distinguished Flying Crosses and three Air Medals. He earned two degrees from Washington University in Business and Economics and a Law Degree from the University of Kansas City, now UMKC. He practiced law in Eldon for 26 years, retiring in 1986.

Others who survive him include: five children, Cynthia Leah Kaiman and husband Charles of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Gregory L. Quigley and wife Kathe of Ellisville, Dr. James C. Quigley and wife Jill of Lenexa, Kansas, Dr. Patrick R. Quigley and wife Diane of Beaver Creek, Ohio and John T. Quigley and wife Tamie of Eldon and ten grandchildren. One brother, Ronald Quigley and three sisters, Norma Shriner, Thelma King and Betty Quigley also preceded him in death.

A private family interment will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, at Eldon City Cemetery with military honors provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442. Following the interment, a visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Robert’s name to the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital, Columbia, Missouri or to Honor Flight, Inc., Attention: Tom O’Neal, 300 E. Auburn Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45505.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009

Glenn W. Taylor, 81, of Eldon, Mo. died Monday June 15, 2009 at his home. He was born January 16, 1928, in St Louis County, the second child of Clarence and Grace (nee Mizell) Taylor.

Glenn attended the one room schoolhouse in Hemitte, Mo., until his family moved to Festus, Mo., where he attended the Festus Public Schools. He graduated from Festus High School class of 1945. Two weeks after High School he went to work for Pittsburg Plate Glass Company in Crystal City, Mo. He was 17 years old. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in May 1946. He served 6 months overseas duty in Korea with the 340th Engineer Construction Battalion as part of the Occupation Forces. In May 1947 he was honorably discharged from the Army as part of the demobilization after World War Two and was sent home. He returned to work at Pittsburg Plate Glass Company. In June 1947 Glenn joined the Missouri National Guard, stationed in Festus, Missouri. He served five and a half years in the National Guard attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class.
He met his wife to be, Irene Pierce, soon after he returned from Korea, and in August 1950 they were married and moved into the home they had built together on Horine Rd. in Festus, Missouri. They were blessed with the birth of two children, Terry and Sharon.

Glenn worked for the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company for almost 17 years. He served an apprenticeship and became a Journeyman Electrician. In 1962 Glenn went to work for Union Electric Company in St. Louis, Missouri. He worked many different jobs for UE including operations work and electrical work at three of their coal power generating plants. In 1983 he transferred to Osage Power Plant at Bagnell Dam. He retired from Union Electric in March 1991.

Glenn was a member of the Eldon United Methodist Church. He was a mason for over 50 years.

Glenn’s wife, Irene Taylor, preceded him in death on September 22, 2006. He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Terry W. & Denise Taylor, a daughter, Sharon L. Taylor and grandchildren, Aaron W. Taylor, Ethan W. Taylor and Katie Taylor Martinez. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday June 18th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The funeral service will be held Friday June 19th at 11:00am at the Eldon United Methodist Church. The casket will be open preceding the service from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the church. With cremation to follow services. In the desire to find treatment and hopefully a cure for cancer, the family encourages donations to the American Cancer Society or Hospice Compassus Foundations in lieu of flowers.

Patricia A. Robbins, 69, of Lake Ozark Mo., died Sunday, June 14, 2009 at her residence in Lake Ozark, Mo. She was born on June 10, 1940 in Kansas City, Mo. the daughter of the late Howard and Laura (Swain) Bateman. She was married on June 29, 1958 in Lake Ozark, Mo. to Richard E. Robbins who passed away on May 23, 2003. Trisha was a member of Oak Street Church of Christ in Eldon, Mo.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Dover of Lake Ozark, son; Brian Robbins of Greenwood, Arkansas; daughter Karla Robbins of Manchester, Connecticut, five grandchildren; Robin Dover, Landon Dover, Tyler Robbins, Tanner Robbins, Sarah Robbins; brother Steve Bateman of Holt Summit, Mo.; sister, Karen Strange of Eldon, Mo. She was preceded in death by parents, husband, and a sister, Sandy Ahart.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. Funeral Service will be on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Oak Street Church of Christ in Eldon with Lloyd Parr, officiating. Burial will be in the Dooley Cemetery near Eldon, Mo. Memorials are suggested to the Richard Robbins Annual Scholarship Fund at Bank of Lake of the Ozarks.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, February 1928

Willard Bear was born Oct. 13, 1888, died Feb 25, 1928, at his home in Ulman, Mo., being at the time of his death 39 years, four months and 12 days old. He suffered for two weeks more than mortal tongue can tell, yet he bore his suffering with the greatest patience. All that skilled physicians, willing hands and loving hearts could do, was done, but all to no avail. His work was done and the Lord said, “Come up higher.”

When but a youth he joined the U.S. Army and served his country three years, 18 months of that time being spent in the Philippine Islands. He enlisted in the World War May 28, 1917. He was Sergeant of Co. E. 157th Inf. He served 18 months in France and was honorably discharged April 29, 1919.

He was a member of the Masonic order at Brumley. Last, but not least, he was a member of the Church of Christ, the writer having had the pleasure of taking his confession and baptizing him into Christ Dec. 26, 1926. He was faithful to the church and Bible school. He never failed to be at the little church house on Lord’s Day morning. We shall meet, but we shall miss him.
Funeral services were held from the Ulman Church of Christ Monday, Feb. 27, at which time the writer tried to speak words of comfort to the sorrowing ones. From there the body was conveyed to the Hickory Point Cemetery by Adams & Casey, undertakers. Here again the body was viewed by relatives and friends who could not be present at the funeral.

After the last sad rites he was borne by his Masonic brothers to his last resting place where one of the most impressive services was held I ever witnessed. The little mound that hid from view his lifeless form was covered with the most beautiful flowers I ever saw. Brother Bear leaves to mourn their loss an aged mother with whom he was living and caring for at the time of his death; also six sisters, a host of other relatives and friends. And now to those to whom he was near and dear—let us bow our heads in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well and until that great day we say, dear son, dear brother, dear one, farewell.—R.F. Moneymaker, Crocker

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009

Jack L. Lupardus, age 74, of Eugene, died Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at his home. He was born in Ulman on February 24, 1935, a son of the late Harley B. and Jean M. (Beard) Lupardus. On June 25, 1955, in Iberia, he was married to Barbara Jean Prock, who survives at the home.

Jack was an Air Force veteran. He worked for the Missouri State Department of Revenue from 1962-1981. He then worked for the Missouri Automobile Dealers Association from 1981-1997. Jack enjoyed fishing, had a love for classic cars and was a true family man. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Eldon.

Others who survive him include: two children, Maribeth Russell and husband David of Russellville and Doug Lupardus and wife Michelle of Eugene; four grandchildren, Megan, Morgan and Jordan Russell of Russellville and Jackson Lupardus of Eugene; two sisters, Audrey Lee and husband Edgar of Tusculum and Arlene Helton and husband Bennett of Tusculum; three brothers, Richard Lupardus and wife Lynn of Iberia, Ben Lupardus and wife Anita of Ulman and David Lupardus of Iberia and numerous nieces and nephews. One infant brother, Kenneth Lupardus, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, at First Church of the Nazarene in Eldon. Rev. Jerry Frye and Rev. Larry Schroer will officiate. Interment will be in Tusculum Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Memorial contributions are suggested to Children’s Mercy Hospital of Kansas City.

Mid-Missouri newspaper - 1972

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at Stevinson Chapel in Iberia for Mrs. Nettie Farrow, of near Iberia. Mrs. Farrow, 87, died Tuesday morning, Aug. 29, 1972, at a hospital in Fulton. She had lived around St. Elizabeth and Iberia all of her life. She was born July 1, 1885 in Maries County near Van Cleve, the daughter of the late William and Margaret (Copeland) Lawson. On March 7, 1909, she was married to John W. Farrow who died Jan. 23, 1952.

Three sons had also preceded Mrs. Farrow in death: Johnnie in 1927 at the age of 13; William in 1940 at the age of 27; and Henry in 1965. Mrs. Farrow was a member of the Humphrey's Creek Christian Church.

She is survived by one son, Wayne Farrow of Iberia; one sister, Mrs. Eva Machon of Dixon; one brother, Owen Lawson of Dixon; 12 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Mark Sooter officiated at the funeral services. Burial was in the Jim Matt Lawson cemetery in Maries County. Grandsons served as pallbearers.
Mrs. Katie Frank, 82, of 1622 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, died at St. Mary's Hospital on June 6, 1971. She was born June 7, 1888 at Mary's Home, Missouri to August and Elizabeth Graffe Schulte. She was married at Mary's Home to William Frank on November 28, 1902.

Survivors include: one son, Andrew Frank of Henley; Daughters, Mrs. Irene Sanning of Eldon; Mrs. Freda Lootens, Henley; Veronica Iven, 1622 Tanner Bridge Road; brother, Lawrence Schulte, Eugene; one sister, Mary Andres of Eugene; and 17 grandchildren.

Burial was at Our Lady of Snows Cemetery, Mary's Home, Missouri.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009

Norma M. Lepper, 85, of Eldon, Missouri, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at Boone Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. She was born July 6, 1923 in Mary's Home, Missouri, the daughter of the late John and Anna (Berendzen) Schulte. She was married in Mary's Home on June 10, 1941, to Leonard A. Lepper, who preceded her in death on August 4, 1997.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary's Home prior to moving to Eldon, where she became a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She participated in Meals on Wheels in Mary's Home. She enjoyed quilting, playing cards, cooking & gardening.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law Allan and Myrna Lepper Eldon, Missouri, Kenny and Janet Lepper Mary's Home, Missouri, Ralph and Kathy Lepper Eldon, Missouri; daughters and sons-in-law Becky & John Schulte Eldon, Missouri, Doris & Fred Schulte Barnett, Missouri, Terri Lepper Eldon, Missouri; 14 grandchildren, several great & step-great grandchildren & great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 son, 3 brothers & 3 sisters.

Visitation will be on Friday June 19, 2009 4:00– 8:00PM Phillips Funeral Home, Mary's Home Chapel. Rosary will be prayed at 4:00PM and a Prayer Service at 7:30PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday June 20, 2009, 10:00AM Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, in Mary's Home with the Rev. Patrick Shortt and Rev. Frederick Elskamp officiating. Interment will be in Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery, Mary's Home, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to Our Lady of the Snows Cemetery.

The Eldon Advertiser, October 1918

W.T. Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Franklin, one of the most prominent and wealthy pioneer families of Miller County, passed away at Camp Pike, Ark., Thursday and the body was brought home Friday and buried in the Eldon Cemetery. A very large crowd attended the services held on the home lawn Sunday afternoon.

A splendid choir and Decker's Band furnished music and an impressive sermon was preached by Rev. W.L. Reese, pastor of the Christian Church assisted by Rev. Edmond Wilkes of Columbia, a former pastor.

William Thomas Franklin was born in Eldon, June 16, 1897. He became a member of the Christian Church in August 1907. He graduated from the local High School in the year 1915 and graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1916 where they conferred on him a membership in the Black Horse Troop, which is considered an honor. For a year and a half he was a student in the Missouri University and a member of the Greek Letter Fraternity, Phi Delta Theta.

He volunteered in the United States Army on the 17th of June 1918. He received appointment to the Infantry Officers Training Camp and was called to Camp Pike, Ark., August 19, 1918. He was a member of the 6th Company, 2nd Battalion, Infantry Officers Training Camp. The family was glad that he was patriotic and loved his country and humanity enough to offer himself for service in this, the world’s greatest crisis. His Captain in the following letter to his father speaks of him in most admirable terms:
“Mr. J.S. Franklin, Eldon, Mo., My dear Mr. Franklin:

It is my duty to inform you that your son, Private William T. Franklin, died at 4:20 a.m., October 10, 1918 of Bronchopneumonia, bilateral. Your son entered the Base Hospital, Camp Pike, Ark., Oct. 4, 1918.

He was an excellent soldier and generous. Though his privileges and circumstances might have caused him to be otherwise yet there were none of the lowly too humble for his association, and to be recipients of his kindness and generosity. His father told me this morning that he had this consolation, “He was a good boy.”

In our church association we found him most attentive. While at home he was always present at our Sunday School and church and seldom were the doors open that Will was not there.

--Rev. W.L. Reese

Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009

Oliver L. Jacoby, retired Master Sergeant U.S. Air Force, age 85, of Iberia, passed away Saturday, June 13, 2009, at University Hospital in Columbia. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, on April 16, 1924, son of the late Frederick and Mary (Lutz) Jacoby. On March 18, 1958, in Ulm, Germany, Oliver married Lotte Marianne Saum, who survives at the home.

He is also survived by four sons, Roland Jacoby and wife Doris of Plato, Michael Jacoby and wife Maria of El Paso, Texas, Alan Jacoby and wife Carren of Iberia, Frederick Jacoby and wife Debbie of Howe, Indiana; one daughter Deborah Zeman and husband Gary of Linn Creek; sixteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Ernest Jacoby and wife Mary of C.D.A. Idaho; and one sister-in-law, Mary Ann Jacoby of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Oliver served in the U.S. Air Force for over 22 years, during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, also serving in the Philippines, New Guinea, and many cities around the world. He also worked for the City of Las Vegas for 14 years as a license inspector.

A graveside service with military honors will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in Springfield Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Springfield Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

Jack Woody, age 49, of Crocker, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2009, at Fort Leonard Wood Community Hospital. He was born in Waynesville on October 6, 1959, son of Meryl and Chloe (Jones) Woody.

He is survived by his mother; Chloe Woody of Meta; two brothers, Ronnie Woody and wife Deana of Dixon and Chuck Woody and wife Christina of Loose Creek; four nieces and nephews, Benjamin Woody of Dixon, Rebekah Woody of Dixon, Kailey Woody of Loose Creek, and Kinzey Woody of Loose Creek.

He was preceded in death by his father, Meryl Woody; maternal grandparents, Rev. Earl and Grace Jones; and paternal grandparents, Oscar and Gladys Woody.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Meta. Rev. Manuel Seaton will officiate. Interment will be in Pendleton Cemetery near Meta. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Jack Woody Memorial Fund.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009

Lewis A. Douglas, 97, of Branson, Missouri passed away Sunday morning June 28, 2009 at Skaggs Regional Hospital in Branson, Missouri. On October 9, 1911 he was born in Washington, Kansas to the late Lewis R. and Elsie D. (Rainey) Douglas. On May 1, 1937 he was married in Topeka, Kansas to Vera M. (Greenwood) who preceded him in death on December 31, 2004.

He is survived by 2 sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Lee Ann Douglas of Branson, Missouri and Lewis and Carole Douglas of St. Louis, Missouri; Eight Grandchildren, Seven Great Grandchildren, and One Great Great Grandchild.
He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, one daughter, Carol Bildner, one granddaughter, Honey Leigh Douglas, and one sister, Zelma Pratt.

Lewis was a member of the Eldon United Methodist Church. He was employed with Southwestern Bell for thirty-eight years. He was an avid fisherman and gardener and loved playing cards, especially Bridge. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

Rose Ellen (Dean) Groll, 70, passed away at her home Wednesday morning June 24, 2009 in Fortuna, Missouri. On November 20, 1938 she was born in Woodruff, Utah to the late John Arthur and Lena (Feller) Dean. On June 18, 1954 she was married in Randolph, Utah to William Bruce Groll who preceded her in death on August 5, 2007.

She is survived by a daughter, Lauwanna LaRue of Linn Creek, Missouri; 3 sons, Wally Groll Dalton Gardens, Idaho, Rusty Groll of Fortuna, Missouri, Terry Groll of Tipton, Missouri; and nineteen Grandchildren and twenty-one Great Grandchildren; a brother Arlo Dean and a half brother, Grant Dean. Rose was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one half sister, two half brothers, and one granddaughter.

Rose was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Rose served continuously throughout her life. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she served in numerous church callings. She served her community, her neighbors, friends, family, and even strangers – all with genuine love and compassion.

Memorial contributions for Rose may be given In Care of the Family.

Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, June 2009

George Mirecki, age 91, of Eldon, died Thursday, June 25, 2009, at Manor Health Care Center in Warrensburg. He was born in Lake Zurich, Illinois on July 16, 1917, a son of the late John J. and Clara (Kausner) Mirecki. On February 8, 1964, in Chicago, Illinois, he was married to Irmgard E. VanDerVliet, who survives at their home.

Others who survive him include: three children, Joseph Mirecki and wife Marion of Lexington, Kentucky, Geodie Mirecki and wife Angela of Hoffman Estates, Illinois and Brenda Musick and husband Steve of Warrensburg; three step-children, Terry Toerpe and wife Sharon of Cottonwood, California, Patricia Barnes and husband Tom of Spring Grove, Illinois and Cheryl Tomlinson of Adolphus, Kentucky; 18 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; two sisters, Eleanore Merritt and Elaine Mirecki both of Wauconda, Illinois.

His body has been cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Unknown Publication, June 1962

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Phillips Chapel in Eldon for Mrs. Sarah Leona Carrender of 308 S. Mill St. Eldon, Miller County’s oldest resident.

Mrs. Carrender, who observed her 100th birthday last Dec. 8, died shortly after midnight Thursday morning, July 12, she passed away at the home in Eldon where she lived with two daughters, Mrs. Essie Wynkoop and Mrs. May Dobson. She was a lifetime resident of Miller County, and had lived in Eldon for 40 years.

Mrs. Carrender, noted for her uncomplaining nature and kind words for everyone, had been a partial invalid since suffering a broken hip Dec. 22, 1950. A broken arm suffered in a fall more than five years ago, further complicated her difficulties in moving around the house. However her health in general had been good until Aug 10, 1961. When questioned about her condition, though she never complained, and often replied to visitors, “I feel pretty good; if I feel this well tomorrow, I think I’ll get up.”

Mrs. Carrender enjoyed the hobbies of knitting and piecing quilts until her broken wrist curtailed these activities. She maintained an interest in events and regularly listened to the radio. When her health no longer permitted her to attend church, she listened to sermons and hymns on the air and up until two months ago, joined in singing gospel songs she heard on the radio.
Mrs. Carrender, whose life span stretched from the Civil War to the space age was born Dec. 8, 1861, on a farm four and a half miles north of Tusculumia. She was the oldest child in the family of seven children of W.T. and Irene Ann (Tomson) Harrison. She was reared on this family farm, and attended school in the Wright district, a log schoolhouse in the Saline Creek community. Her mother passed away when she was 16 years of age, and she assumed the care of her younger brothers and sisters.

On August 14, 1881, she was married to W.G. Carrender, and they started housekeeping on a farm in the Saline Creek community east of Eldon. Most of her more than 100 years were spent within 12 miles of her birthplace.

Her husband died on March 7, 1922. Since then, Mrs. Carrender had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Wynkoop.

Early in life she united with the Harmony Methodist Church, transferring her membership to the Eldon Methodist Church in about 1923.

Mrs. Carrender is survived by four generations of descendants. In addition to her daughters, Mrs. Dobson and Mrs. Wynkoop, of the home in Eldon, she leaves two sons and another daughter: H.O. Carrender of Kansas City, Mo.; O.E. Carrender of Lexington, Mo., and Mrs. Anna J. Allen of Kansas City, Kan. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. A son, Willard A., died April 27, 1958, and another son, Charles J., on June 3, 1961.

Also surviving are a brother, John J. Harrison of Eldon; a half-brother, T.J. Harrison of Versailles, and two sisters, Mrs. Lee Williams of Palco, Kan., and Mrs. Lena Slote of Eldon.

The Rev. Harold Dobbs, pastor of the Eldon Methodist Church, officiated at the services Saturday. Interment was in the Salem Cemetery near Eldon. Grandsons and great-grandsons served as pallbearers.

Unknown Publication, 1975

Mrs. Emma E. Connell, 76, of Eldon, died Tuesday at a Jefferson City hospital. A native of Tuscumbia, Mrs. Connell was born Jan. 30, 1899, the daughter of Peter and Henrietta Vaughan Heldstab. On May 16, 1920, in Miller County, she was married to Huston Connell who survives.

Mrs. Connell was a member of the Eldon United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of World War I.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Penrod, Kansas City, Kan., two sons, Richard Connell, Kansas City, and G.H. Connell Jr., San Jose, Calif.; three brothers, George Heldstab and Charles Heldstab, both of Eldon, and Edmond Davenport, Eldon; two sisters, Miss Mary Davenport, Eldon, and Mrs. Nettie Hull, Kansas City, Kan.; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Phillips Chapel, Eldon, with the Rev. Tom Adam officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Eldon.

Unknown Publication, November 1910

Mrs. Rebecca Robison died at her home in Capps, Mo., Nov. 25, 1910, after suffering for some time with bronchitis. She was born in Warren County, Mo., Oct. 2, 1856. Her maiden name was Lee, a daughter of Phillip Lee of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was united in marriage to E. Robison Oct. 3, 1878. To this union 9 children were born and 8 are still living. Little Ira, who died in infancy, preceded dear mother to that better land.

She united with the Humphrey’s Creek Christian Church about 22 years ago and has ever since lived a devoted Christian life. She was an affectionate wife, a loving mother and a good neighbor and was loved by all who knew her.
The funeral was conducted on the 27th by Rev. C.M. Sooter at the Christian Newlight Church. The sermon was very impressive. A host of sympathizing friends mingled their tears with those of the bereaved relatives as the casket was lowered to its last resting place.

She has been a noble companion, so kind and true, but now her lifeless form lies silent in the grave.

‘Tis hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bound the heart;
‘Tis hard, so hard, to speak the word,
Must we forever part.
Dearest loved one we have laid thee,
In thy peaceful grave’s embrace;
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face.

Her last words were, “O, my dear Savior have mercy on me and stand by me in death”, then she reached her hand to her nurse and said, “Goodbye, Mary, I am going home.”

Written by a friend who will be with her family in their sorrows – Mary Curry, Capps, Mo.

Unknown Publication, June 1934

Mrs. Agnes Belle Ralls, well known business woman, died at St. Mary’s Hospital early yesterday morning in a diabetic coma. Mrs. Ralls underwent an operation for acute appendicitis Wednesday but was recovering when the diabetic condition became apparent.

Mrs. Ralls whose maiden name was Agnes Belle Deatley, was born in Miller County, Oct. 31, 1902. She came to this city with her parents as a young girl and had resided here since that time. She married Earl Ralls April 18, 1922. They had two children, Ruth Labelle and James Earl. Besides the bereaved husband and children she is survived by her father, William Deatley, one brother Claud Deatley and two sisters, Mrs. A.C. Burnham and Mrs. J.M. Loesch.

She was active with her husband in the management of the Star Cleaning Co. on E. High Street. She was prominent in the Christian Church and taught a Sunday school class for a number of years. The Pythian Sisters and the Business and Professional Women’s organizations also received much of her time and attention. She had a wide acquaintance throughout the community.

The body was removed from the hospital to the family home, 116 Short Street, Renn Addition.

Unknown Publication, May 1938

William Daniel McGriff, a son of Marion and Nancy Boone McGriff, was born April 1, 1860, in Maries County, Missouri; died at his home in Miller County May 3, 1938, at the age of 78 years, one month and three days.

On January 9, 1887, he was united in marriage to Louisa Derona Berry, who preceded him in death in 1899. To this union were born six children, Oscar of Granite City, Ill., Carrie of St. Louis, Mo., Brice of Los Angeles, Calif., Vernettie of York, Nebr. Two children preceded him in death 37 years ago.

On March 16, 1909, he was married to Ida Mae Clark, and to this union one child was born, Wade Duane, who passed to the Great Beyond January 24, 1932. Mr. McGriff had nine grandchildren, eight of whom are living. Wilma McGriff died 20 years ago. He also has three great-grandchildren living.

During the year 1891 or 1892 he united with the Christian Church at Humphreys Creek. During the early history of that church Mr. McGriff took an active part in both the Sunday school and church work, and he kept his membership in this church until his death.
Besides his wife, children, and grandchildren, he is survived by the following sisters: Mrs. Nanie Graham, Washington, Mo.; Mrs. Mandy Dodd, Dixon, Mo.; Mrs. Alice Bodendick, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Martha Lewis, Iberia, Mo., and one half brother—Marion Vaughn, Henrietta, Mo.

Funeral services were held in the home Friday afternoon, at two o’clock, the Rev. P.J. Eckhoff of Iberia officiating. Interment was made in the Clark Cemetery under direction of the Adams & Casey Funeral Service of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, June 1999

Clifford L. Hayes, 73, Versailles, died Tuesday, June 1, 1999 at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born Aug 2, 1925 in Barnett, a son of Aaron L. and Stola Hess Hayes. He was married to Alma L. Gumm on March 9, 1946 in Versailles. She survives at the home.

Mr. Hayes worked at Primo Pants in Versailles for 38 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, life member of the D.A.V. Oliver Buehrle #17 in Jefferson City and the V.F.W. Post #5902 in Gravois Mills.

In addition to his wife, survivors include: one daughter, Jean Hurt of Bunceton; his father and step-mother, Aaron L. and Jane Hayes of Eldon; one brother, Hancel L. Hayes of Kansas City; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by two brothers and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 3 at the Kidwell Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. The Rev. Roy Bennett officiated. Military honors and interment were in the Versailles Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the V.F.W. Post #5902 in Gravois Mills. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Unknown Publication, October 1973

Harvey J. Hensley, 81, Rte. 1, Meta, died Monday evening, Oct. 15, 1973, at Charles E. Still Hospital in Jefferson City where he had last been a patient since Oct. 8. Mr. Hensley, a World War I Army veteran, was an active farmer in the St. Elizabeth-Tuscumbia area many years.

He was born May 18, 1892 between Iberia and St. Anthony, the son of the late Thomas and Arvazena (Jarrett) Hensley. On March 28, 1920, he was married to Miss Mabel Bessie Clark in a ceremony at the bride’s home near Tuscumbia.

Mr. Hensley was a member of the Humphrey’s Creek Christian Church and was one of the trustees of the church. He also was a member of the American Legion post at St. Elizabeth. During World War II he worked as a camp guard at Fort Leonard Wood.

In addition to his wife, Mabel, of the home, he leaves two sons, Warren C. Hensley of St. Louis and James T. Hensley of Jefferson City; one brother, John D. Hensley of Tuscumbia; two grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Mr. Hensley was preceded in death by one sister, Mrs. Emma Blankenship, and three brothers, Willie, Arthur and Milton Hensley.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Military graveside rites were conducted at the Iberia Cemetery by the Fort Leonard Wood mortuary team. Pallbearers were Jasper Hensley, Wayne Hensley, Wade Hensley, Ora Blankenship, Sterling Cross, and Floyd Johnson.

Unknown St. Louis Newspaper, March 1986

Visitation Monday 5-9 p.m. and Tuesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pfitzinger Mortuary, 331 S. Kirkwood Road, then to Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home, Iberia, Mo. for visitation Wed. 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Graveside services Wed 1 p.m. at Iberia Cemetery, Iberia, Mo. Member of Iberia Masonic Lodge #45 AF & AM and Scottish Rite.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, July 2009

Shirley A. Vore, 58, passed away on Wednesday July 1, 2009 in Bellevue, Nebraska. On March 28, 1951 she was born in Denison, Iowa to the late Lyle and Violet (Kroger) Vore. She is survived by brothers: Joe Hinkle of Mountain View, Wyoming; Harold Vore of Phillipsburg, Missouri; Louis Vore of Marthasville, Missouri; Scott Vore of Kaysville, Utah; sister Susan Kennedy of Rocky Mount, Missouri; many nieces and nephews. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Tim Hinkle.

She was employed with the VA Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska for twenty-nine years. She always remembered to send cards for special occasions. Shirley loved animals.

Graveside services for Shirley will be on Monday July 6, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Eldon City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested In Care of the Family.

Elizabeth P. Steffan 94, passed away Wednesday morning July 1, 2009 at the Villa Marie Care Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. On May 16, 1915 she was born in Eldon, Missouri to the late John Marlow and Mabel Addie (Martin) Phillips. On May 10, 1975 she was married in St. James, Missouri to Joseph F. Steffan who preceded her in death on March 9, 2002.

She is survived by a son, John Pfenenger of Jefferson City, Missouri; a daughter, Nancy Dilger of Corpus Christi, Texas; eleven grandchildren, thirty great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren. She enjoyed playing bingo. She retired from the Missouri Employment Security Department.

Visitation will be on Friday July 3, 2009 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri with the Funeral Service beginning at 3:00 PM. Private Interment will be held following the service. Memorials for Elizabeth are suggested to Hospices of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, May 2004

Lola Brown, age 92, of Brumley, died May 2, 2004, at Lake Regional Hospital. Survivors include three sons: Robert Brown and Joe Brown, both of Brumley, and Virgil Brown of Casville; three daughters: Lorene Ash of Brumley, Verna McGee of Eldon, and Bertha Brown of Buffalo; 22 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, two step grandchildren and two step great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, at the Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Robinette Cemetery near Brumley.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, September 2004

Aaron Dan “Danny” Moore, age 57, of Iberia, died Tuesday September 14, 2004, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Other survivors include: one son, Clyde Richard Morris of Crocker; one daughter, Catherine Rose Paul of Bismarck, North Dakota; one brother, Edward Moore of Davenport, Iowa; one sister, Sharron Earp of Iberia; two grandchildren, Crystal Rose Paul of Faro, North Dakota, and David Benjamin Paul of Bismarck, North Dakota; one great-grandchild, Slayde Reign Blotski of Fargo, North Dakota; and many other relatives and friends.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia.
Jefferson City Post Tribune, November 2002

Lena Mae Oliver, 97, Springfield, died Nov 7, 2002, in Springfield. She was born March 8, 1905, in Miller County, a daughter of Henry J. and Rosie B. Wolf Deffenbaugh. She was married March 10, 1923, to Truman M. Oliver, who died in 1957.

She owned and operated two Dairy Queens in Topeka, Kan., worked for J.C. Penney and started cheese plants in Salem and Greenfield. She was a member of First Christian Church, Eldon. Survivors include nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The Rev. Shirley Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, November 2002

Wilma R. Luadzers, 75, Jefferson City, died Nov. 6, 2002, at St Mary’s Health Center. She was born Oct. 21, 1927, in etterville, a daughter of Edgar and Myrtle Mitchell Graham. She was married Dec. 30, 1977, in Columbia to Delbert H. Luadzers, who survives at the home.

A lifelong resident of Central Missouri area, she graduated from Eugene High School. She was a homemaker and worked as a sales clerk at Gerbes Super Store for 15 years, retiring in 1977. She was a member of Glenwood Baptist Church, Etterville.

Other survivors include: two sons, Garry Magness, Las Vegas and Barry Magness, Huntley, Ill.; one brother, Marvin Graham, Thibodaux, La.; three sisters, Irene Binkley, Jefferson City, Leda Mathis, Las Vegas, and Nellie Henley, Eldon; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fereman Mortuary. Donna Henley will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, November 2002

James Stanley Miller, 67, Eldon, died Nov. 11, 2002, in Eldon. He was born July 7, 1935, in Versailles, a son of Charles M. and Anna Ruth Bond Miller. He was married April 6, 1954, in Dallas to Donna Jean Farmer Miller, who survives at the home.

He was a retired plumber and a member of the Christian faith.

Other survivors include three sons, James D. Miller and Charles I. Miller, both of Eldon, and Dana M. Miller, Republic; one daughter, Ruth C. Weightman, Oceanside, Calif.; one brother, Gerald Miller, Palatka, Fla.; three sisters, Mary Ruth Smith, Camdenton, Geneva Vernon, Tuscumbia, and Carmen Frank, Elizabeth Town, KY.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. One daughter, Rea Jean Miller, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The Rev. Walter Simpson will officiate. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, November 2002

Pauline Hinds Payne, 82, Eldon, died Nov. 13, 2002, in Jefferson City. She was born April 26, 1920, in Eldon, a daughter of Paul W. and Clifffie Thompson Hinds-Ford. She was married April 9, 1941, in Eldon to Clarke W. Payne, who died Jan. 5, 1995.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church, Eldon. She was a member of Eldon Golf Club, where she was the undefeated ladies champion for 13 years. She was a member of the Housing Council Congress in Washington, D.C. during the Eisenhower administration. She was active in local bridge clubs.

Survivors include: two daughters, Kay Oliver, Eldon, and Tricia Drinkard, Taos; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Eldon. The Rev. Shirley Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Eldon City Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2
Carl Konrad Wenzel, 82, of 611 N. Maple St., Eldon, died unexpectedly Friday, Dec. 8, 1978, at his home. Mr. Wenzel was a lifetime resident of the Eldon area. He was born Oct. 26, 1896 in Miller to Konrad and Mary Artz Wenzel. Oct. 17, 1923, he was married at Eldon to Mabel Gladys Jones, who died June 26, 1977. On Oct 4 1978, he was married at Eldon to Mathel Henderson, who survives at the home.

Mr. Wenzel was a member of the Congregational Church, the international Order of Odd Fellows and American Legion Post 229 at Eldon. He was an army veteran of World War I.

Also preceding him in death were an infant son and four sisters, Christine Wenzel, who died in infancy, Mrs. Lena Campbell Heafey, Mrs. Minnie Cain and Mrs. Marie Cain. Several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews survive in addition to his wife.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. O.D. Johnson officiating. Burial was in Eldon Cemetery with nephews serving as pallbearers.

Larry W. Wilson, age 63, of Jefferson City, passed away Monday, July 6, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born in Tuscumbia on December 17, 1945, son of Olsen B. and Juanita (Abbett) Wilson. Larry was employed for over 20 years with the Missouri Department of Revenue until his retirement in 2002.

He is survived by his mother, Juanita, of St. Elizabeth; two sisters, Mary Schimsa and husband Bob of Gray Summit and Patsy Wilson of Jefferson City; one brother, Dennis Wilson and wife Margie of Tuscumbia; three nephews; three nieces; and thirteen great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Olsen, and one brother David Wilson.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Charles Worstell will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Tuscumbia. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the March of Dimes or to the American Diabetes Association.

Dave Cochran, age 67, of Brumley, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2009, at his home. He was born in Brumley on August 16, 1941, son of the late William Jasper and Velma Eunice (Moneymaker) Cochran. On December 21, 1963, near Iberia, Dave married Loretta Birdene Humphrey, who survives at the home.

He is also survived by his children, Lorna Plemmons and husband Steve of Ulman, Terry Cochran of Brumley, and Lester Cochran and wife Leslie of Crocker; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Danny Cochran and wife Carol of Iberia; two sisters, Eula Mae Cochran of Iberia and Alice Mitchell and husband Warren of Brumley; and many other family and friends. He was also preceded in death by his father, Olsen, and one brother David Wilson.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. with services immediately following at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Brian Duncan will officiate. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Dave Cochran Memorial Fund.

Nicholas H. Wieberg, age 57, of St. Anthony, passed away Monday, July 13, 2009, at his home. He was born in Iberia on January 24, 1952, son of Leo John and Marie Katherine (Buechter) Wieberg. On September 25, 1971, in Freeburg he married Margaret Mary Welschmeyer, who survives at the home.
Through the years Nick enjoyed flying his private plane, supported the 4-H and the FFA, and was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Nicholas was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

He is also survived by his mother, Marie Wieberg of St. Anthony; two daughters, Christa Wieberg of Jefferson City and Jessica Wieberg and fiancé John Kozel of Columbia; two sons, Jacques Wieberg and wife Julie of Jefferson City and Benjamin Wieberg of St. Anthony; one brother Joe Wieberg and wife Angie of Jefferson City; eight sisters, Rita Stahl and husband Larry of Kansas City, Kansas, Maryln Luetkemeyer and husband Dick of St. Charles, Jane Dalba and husband Carmen of St. Louis, Loretta Kolb and husband Bill of Amarillo, Texas, Lorraine Riley and husband Jack of Jefferson City, Evelyn Wieberg and Donnie Holtmeyer of Holts Summit, Virginia Kirvan and Brian Gerard of Sunrise Beach, and Freda Schanzmeyer and husband Mike of Taos; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Jennifer Wieberg and father, Leo Wieberg.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in St. Anthony. Fr. Daniel Lueckenotte and Fr. Joe Welschmeyer will officiate. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, at the St. Anthony Parish Hall with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the SIDS foundation.

Debra Ann Stines, age 44, of Eldon, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. She was born in Woodland, California on February 28, 1965, a daughter of the late Joseph and JoAnn Stines.

Those who survive her include: one daughter, Auro A. Stines and ex-husband, Robert Smith both of Eldon. Her body has been cremated under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon.

Edith Marie Crawford, age 87, of Eldon, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at Moberly Regional Medical Center. She was born in Guion, Arkansas on December 19, 1921, a daughter of the late Lewis A. and Harriet E. (McCormack) Land. She was married on April 16, 1938 to J.E. Crawford for 64 years and he preceded her in death on January 1, 2004.

Edith was of the Mormon faith and was a member of the Eldon Garden Club, Eldon Doll Club, Lake Ozark Arts and Craft Guild and the Disabled American Veterans of Jefferson City.

Those who survive her include: four sons, Jay Edward Crawford of Rapid City, South Dakota, Dennis William Crawford and Terry Lynn Crawford both of Eldon and James Arthur Crawford of Osage Beach; four daughters, Carol Janet Smith of Hartsburg, Joyce Faye Hopper of Moberly, Phyllis Marie Salyers of Rapid City, South Dakota and Debra Elizabeth Braak of Lethbridge Alberta, Canada; two brothers, Robert and Roger Land and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

One son, Donald Lee Crawford, two brothers, Julius and Jimmie Ray Land, two sisters, Lorene Land and Martha Cox, two granddaughters, three grandsons, one great grandson and several nieces and nephews, also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, with services immediately following at 2:00 p.m. at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon. Gene Edwards will officiate. Interment will be in Pisgah Cemetery near Bunceton.

John C. Ewers, age 78, of St. Anthony, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born in St. Anthony on September 23, 1930, son of the late George C. and Mary (Volmert) Ewers. On August 3, 1957, in Marys Home, John married Patsy Limbach, who survives at the home.
He was a member of the Iberia VFW #410 and a 3rd degree member of the St. Anthony Knights of Columbus. He worked for Civil Service at Fort Leonard Wood for 24 years until his retirement. John was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

He is also survived by seven children, Debbie Libbert and husband Randy of Meta, Darlene Waggoner and husband Brian of Longmont, Colorado, John G. Ewers of Linn Creek, Jerry Ewers and wife Beth of St. Elizabeth, Bobby Ewers and wife Sheila of Iberia, Jimmy Ewers of Iberia, and Vicki McGarvey and husband Gary of Linn Creek; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and six sisters, Cecilia Baer of St. Louis, Sister Mary Roseanne Ewers of St. Louis, Freda Schaffer of Cary, North Carolina, Sister Victoria Ewers of St. Louis, Cordula Hibdon of Eugene, and Mary Struemph of Jefferson City.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ann Schaffer and Angela Schulte; two infant sisters; and one grandson, Nicky Libbert.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2009, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Rev. Daniel Lueckenotte will officiate. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., with a rosary at 4:00 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, July 17, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Anthony Cemetery.

**Reba Faye Allen**, age 81, of Iberia, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born in Kellyville, Oklahoma on May 24, 1928, daughter of the late Alvia and Pearl (Plemmons) Shelton. On December 4, 1946, in Waynesville, Reba married Melvin Henry Allen, who preceded her in death on December 5, 1994.

She worked for many years at Miller County Care Center and Iberia Friendship Hall. She was known for her famous hot rolls, wonderful food, and beautiful flowers. Reba was baptized at Hawkeye Baptist Church and attended New Hope Gospel Church in Iberia.

She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Birdsong and husband Dennis Hermann of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Pam Ash and husband David of Iberia; three grandchildren, Cory Fancher of Iberia, Brody Ash and fiancée Kendra Shackelford of Tusculum, and Mackenzie Ash of Iberia; one great-grandson, Jansen Fancher of Iberia; one sister, Veta Humphrey of Iberia; one brother, Cecil Shelton of Iberia; and her best friend and fiancé, Dilbert Machon of Iberia.

She was also preceded in death by one sister and three brothers.

Visitation will be from 12 – 2 p.m. with services immediately following at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Danny Hill will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Reba Allen Memorial Fund.

**Rosa Mary Winn**, age 80, of Crocker, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at her daughter’s home in Haleyville, Alabama. She was born in Mendon on July 11, 1929, daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Southard) Reische. On September 22, 1947, in Harrison, Arkansas, Rosa married Vernon O. “Bill” Winn, who preceded her in death on February 12, 1997.

She is survived by one daughter, Carolin Barton and husband Rick of Haleyville, Alabama; four sons, Billy Winn of Crocker, Steve Winn and wife Gwen of Glen Carbon, Illinois, Vernon Winn and wife Pam of Granite City, Illinois, and Mike Winn of Glen Carbon, Illinois; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Jackson and Jean Steele.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Rick Smith will officiate. Interment will be in Bethany Cemetery near Crocker. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday July 24, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Rosa Winn Memorial Fund.
Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, July 2009

**Ella Dean Simpson**, 72 passed away Friday morning July 17, 2009 at the Eldon Nursing and Rehab in Eldon, Missouri. On April 29, 1937 she was born in Hickman Mills, Missouri to the late Clint and Alwilda (Howser) Polly.

Ella is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law Marcella L. Graham of Jefferson City, Missouri, Jeanette A. and Randy Wilkerson of Lohman, Missouri, Lorretta M. and Tim Humphrey of Eldon, Missouri; two sons and daughters-in-law Lonnie L. and Glenna Simpson of Rocky Mount, Missouri, Loren D. Simpson of Rocky Mount, Missouri; eight grandchildren Nikki Graham, Todd Graham, Matthew Wilkerson, Lori Acock, Will Simpson, Courtney Humphrey, Megan Humphrey, and Chance Simpson; six great-grandchildren; two brothers Darrell Polly of Eldon, Missouri Kenneth Polly of Warsaw, Missouri; a nephew Darrell Polly, Jr. of Eldon, Missouri along with many other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother Edgar Polly.

She was of the Christian Faith. She was a lifelong resident of Eldon, Missouri. Ella was a very loving Grandma.

Visitation will be held on Monday July 20, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri with the Funeral Service beginning at 11:00 AM. A Private Interment will be held at the Union Cemetery in Rocky Mount, Missouri at a later date. Memorials for Ella are suggested to the Union Cemetery of Rocky Mount, Missouri.

Unknown Publication, Marietta, Ohio, October 1910

Funeral services over the remains of **William Thomas Thomson** were held at the First M.E. Church Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in Oak Grove. The Rev. T.H. Hounsel conducted the services at the church and the Odd Fellows, of which the deceased had been a member, conducted the services at the grave. The Marietta Band led the cortege from the church to the grave and the other fraternal organizations, to which Mr. Tomson had belonged, were in line.

William Thomas Tomson was born August 22, 1859 near Jefferson City, Missouri. His ancestors came to America from Parthshire, near Glasgow, North Britain, commonly called Scotland, first settling in the Bermuda Islands, but later, in 1634, joined the Calvert expedition en route and came to Maryland, where, on the Isle of Kent and the Islands of Chesapeake Bay South, and the mainland of the Eastern shore, they lived uninterruptedly for nearly 200 years, when the deceased’s ancestor, the Rev. Thomas Tomson, migrated westward.

The family of which the deceased was a part can trace its tendency for generations to literary pursuits, poetry, music and religion. His great-grandfather was the poet, Henry Tomson, and his great-grandmother was Elizabeth Lee.

Many beautiful floral offerings were sent by the host of friends of Mr. Tomson. Mr. Tomson’s niece and his uncle, Mr. D.F. Tomson, of Missouri, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. F. Tomson of Kossuth, Miss., who were present for the funeral, desire to express their appreciation of the great respect shown their beloved relative by the members and employees of the Stevens Organ & Piano Company, the Odd Fellows, the Ben Hurs and the Marietta Band. They also would thank the members of the Methodist Church and particularly the minister, the Rev. T.H. Hounsel, and all of the good friends of Marietta, whose sympathy was so unmistakably, so genuinely, and so universally bestowed on them in their hour of trouble.

Unknown Publication, December 1913 **Susan Wyrick Sandfort Vaughan**

Aunt Susey as we loved to call her was born in Tennessee Jan. 23, 1822*, and came to Missouri with Mr. Wyrick, her father, where she has ever since lived. She was married to John F. Sandfort about the year 1845 to which union was born four children, two of whom survive her; W.T. Sandfort of near Bagnell and Susan M. Cotten, wife of James Cotten of near Bagnell.
The death angel came and took her companion after which she was married to Joshua Vaughn about the year 1856. To this union was born two boys and one girl; but only one survives her, Jefferson Davis Vaughan of near T------. In 1882 death again entered her home and took her companion after which she lived for many years with her children.

At the time of her death she was at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cotten. She died Dec 8 at 5 p.m. She said: “I am tired” and as her daughter and step son, James Vaughan, leaned over her bed she said: “I am only waiting for that rest”, and her soul left its temple of clay for its mansion not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, after having lived here 90 years, 10 months and 10 days.

She was mother of 7 children, step mother of 18, grandmother of 40, great-grandmother of 30. She had been a devoted Christian for 75 years, having united with the Missionary Baptist Church when young, of which she has ever been a faithful member, often walking long distances to attend her church meetings.

After a song and prayer the body was removed to the Tol-Woods Cemetery where the funeral was conducted by Eld. J.M. Henderson in the presence of a large and sorrowing congregation, using 2 Cor. 5th Chap., 1st Verse, after which the body was placed in the tomb to await the resurrection. We none feel her loss more than her step son, James Vaughan, as he took our hand and said, “Mother has gone home.”

* Cemetery records list her birth year as 1826, death certificate gives 1823, the latter is consistent when calculated from the age of 90 years 10 months and 10 days.

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**Roy Edward Ferguson, Oronogo, Missouri, June 2009**

Roy Edward Ferguson, Oronogo, passed away Wednesday, June 17 at the age of 100. Mr. Ferguson was born on July 8, 1908, in Iberia, MO to Edward Scott Ferguson. He could remember Oronogo as a robust mining city when his family moved here.

“Fergie” was a musician most of his life, playing the trombone with many big bands of the era. He moved back to Oronogo and served for a time as president of the musicians union. He became known for his unconventional viewpoints, which he expressed in letters to the Joplin Globe and Webb City Sentinel. “Fergis” could be seen on his motorcycle in Webb City, Oronogo and countryside from his early teens to late 70’s.

Roy was preceded in death by two brothers, Otto and Elmer, and a sister Edith (error—should read Ethel). He is survived by a nephew, Thomas H. Ferguson, Springfield, and a dear friend. C.E. Pittman, Joplin.

Graveside services were conducted June 22 at Oronogo Cemetery, where he had served as caretaker.

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**Mrs. J.H. (Lucy A.) Wickham, Eldon, Missouri, December 12, 1929**

Mrs. J.H. (Lucy A.) Wickham died at her home in Eldon Friday noon following an illness of several months’ duration. She was a descendant of one of Miller County’s prominent pioneer families being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, who lived near Ulman many years. Her father was known as “Big George” Martin to distinguish him from the other George Martins related to the family. She was born Jan. 30, 1859.

Early in life she was united in marriage to John Brumley, who preceded her in death some 30 years. Two children were born of this union—Ivy Brumley of Detroit, Mich., and Livona Brumley, who married E.H. Lurton, but is now deceased. Mrs. Ray Wickham of Tuscumbia and Mrs. H. Morrow, 1220 Campbell St., Kansas City, Mo. are daughters of the last-mentioned.

She was married September 1909 to Jobe H. Wickham while Mr. Wickham resided on his farm south of Tuscumbia. Soon afterwards Mr. Wickham gave the management of the farm to his son Ray and then he and his wife moved to Eldon where they continued to reside until her death.
Besides the husband, the son and two grand-daughters mentioned above, she is survived by two brothers and two sisters—Geo. H. Martin of Chicago, Wm. Martin of Oklahoma, Mrs. Verna Wyrick of Eldon and Mrs. Belle Quinzy of Wood River, Ill. She was a sister of Anthony P. and Moses G. Martin and Mrs. John Wilson, all of whom are now dead.

Mrs. Wickham was a member of the Baptist Church for many years and funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 o’clock at the home in Eldon by the pastor of the Eldon Baptist Church. Burial was in the Eldon Cemetery.

Miller County Autogram, February 7, 1924

Fannie Wyrick was born Oct 3rd 1851; died January 30th, 1924; age 72 years 4 months and 27 days. She was married to G.T. Stark December 29, 1872. To this union 10 children—4 boys and six girls were born. Two preceded her in death. Those living are George Stark of Oklahoma, Jesse and Wm. Stark of Miller County, Mrs. S.P. Hawken, Mrs. Joel Witt, and Mrs. P.S. Rook of Tuscumbia, Mrs. James Pierce of Eldon and Mrs. Eddie Snellings of Ulman. All were present except George Stark who did not get here.

Besides these she leaves aged husband, one brother, Hugh Wyrick, and three sisters, namely, Mrs. Mollie Wolf, Mrs. Cordella White and Miss Lena Wyrick, besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

She was a good woman and all who knew her spoke well of her. She united with the Church of Christ when about 22 years old and lived a devoted Christian life until God saw fit to call her to her reward. All was done by helping hands and skilled physicians that they knew to do to prolong her life but to no avail. God’s will, not ours be done.

Funeral services were held at the old homestead January 31st, where they had spent so many years together and were conducted by the writer, where quite a number of sorrowing relatives and friends came to pay their last respect to this good woman. Scriptural lesson: Ecclesiastes 12th chapter. Words of comfort were spoken to the bereaved ones. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her but our loss is her eternal gain.

Called home from service to reward, called home from toil to rest; Thy soul from earthly scenes hath gone to dwell among the blest.

Called home with all thy work complete and with thy race all run; The Master’s voice to thee hath said the blessed words, “Well Done.” -J.H. Lamb

Miller County Autogram, February 7, 1924

Mrs. Mary Barnett, aged 79 years, 11 months, 19 days died Sunday at 10 p.m., Feb 3, 1924. Her death was caused by a fall about a month ago which fractured her hip. She was the daughter of David Boltz.

She was united in marriage in 1866 to George Barnett. To this union five children were born, two of which met their death several years ago.

Mrs. Barnett united with the Methodist Church about fifty years ago. Then later she put her membership in the Baptist Church.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Lucy Goethe, Thomas Barnett and John Barnett. All were at the bedside of the mother when the end came. She also leaves to mourn her death three sisters—Mrs. Ella Robinson, Mrs. Janie Graham and Mrs. Rachel Cruse; one brother—Melvin Boltz; and many other friends and relatives.

Mrs. Barnett will be laid to rest in the Boltz Cemetery on Tuesday, Feb. 5th, at 10:00 a.m. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. S. F. C--- -written by two friends

Unknown Publication, July 1932

Margaret J. Jarrett was born Aug 10, 1889; died July 22, 1932. She was 43 years, 11 months and 19 days old. She was the daughter of J.W.P. and Elizabeth Jarrett. Parents preceded her in death.
Maggie was born and raised on the old Jarrett farm, a mile north of Iberia. After the
death of her mother several years ago, she took the mother’s place in the good old home with
some of the other children, then young. She loved the home and looked after the interest like a
mother. In fact, she was a mother in that home.

She united with the Fairview Christian Church in early life, lived faithful to her Lord and
Master, enjoying the fellowship of the entire membership of the church, also highly esteemed,
loved and respected by the community.

She was united in marriage to Bro. W.J. Gray Sept 1, 1929, no heir to the union. They
have been living in Jefferson City where she died on the date mentioned, from a cut inflicted on
one limb caused by falling on glass causing blood poison and lock jaw, so we are informed.

The sudden and unexpected death of sister Gray came as a tremendous shock to relatives
and friends. Those left to mourn her departure is a kind, loving, faithful husband, with six
children by his former marriage that she became a step mother to. Seven brothers, two sisters,
namely: Charlie of Wet Glaze; Fred, Granite City, Ill., Oscar of Jefferson City, George, Able,
Willie and Henry, Iberia, Mrs. Geo. Barr, Iberia, Mrs. Joe Slone, Hancock, with many other
relatives and friends.

The body was brought back home for burial. Funeral services were held at the Fairview
Church, July 23 at 3 p.m. A very large crowd attended the funeral. The body was laid to rest by
a Jefferson City funeral undertaker service in the home cemetery on the Jarrett farm, to await the
resurrection morning.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Saturday, March 30, 2002

Fern L. Perkins, 61, Eldon, died March 28, 2002, in Jefferson City. She was born Feb
17, 1941, in Ashland, a daughter of Johnnie H. and Ruth Vernell Griffen Nichols. Her father
survives in Ashland. She was married June 19, 1959, in Ashland, to Fred W. Perkins who
survives at the home.

She was a homemaker and a secretary at Muffle-It-Shop, Eldon, for 10 years. She was a
member of Goshen Baptist Church, Wilton. She worked for Meals on Wheels and served in the
Eldon Auxiliary Police.

Other survivors include: one son, Ronnie W. Perkins, Eldon; one daughter, Cheryl Ann
Perkins, Eldon; two brothers, Kenneth Reed Nichols and Harold Lloyd Nichols, both of Ashland;
and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Burial will be in
Dooley Cemetery, Eldon. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, November, 2002

George L. Luetkemeyer, 85, Chicago, died Nov. 8, 2002, at Loyola University Hospital.
He was born Jan 17, 1917, in Meta, a son of Henry and Regina Dickneite Luetkemeyer. He was
married to Christine “Cordula” Schauwecker, who died June 8, 1984.

He was a 1935 graduate of Meta High School and was an Army veteran of World War II.
Survivors include: two sons, George W. Luetkemeyer and Thomas Luetkemeyer, both of
Chicago; two daughters, Patricia Crawford, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Janet Chiles, Wheaton, Ill.; one
sister, Margie Luebbert, Meta; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at St. Martha’s Catholic Church, Morton Grove, Ill. The
body was cremated under the direction of Illinois Cremation Company.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Wednesday, July 31, 2002

Thelma Dean Belsha, 56, Richland, died July 28, 2002, at her home. She was born Aug.
2, 1945, in Pulaski County. She was married July 23, 1993, in Eldon, to Robert J. Belsha, who
survives. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include: two daughters, Kimberly Jennings, Overland, and Tammy Carpenter, Ottawa, Kan.; three brothers, Garry Long, Crocker, Terry Long and Jerry Long, both of Camdenton; three sisters, Wilma Hooker, Colorado Springs, Colo., Velma Roney, Warsaw, and Sunday Christine Shelton, Richland; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Long Funeral Home in Crocker. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Monday, July 1, 2002

Eunice Valerie Hedgpeth, 81, Iberia, died June 29, 2002, at Maries Manor Health Care, Vienna. She was born Sept 25, 1920, in Stoutland, a daughter of Keller R. and Maggie Alpha Jacobs Barr. She was married July 8, 1981, in Chula Vista, Calif., to William Louis Hedgpeth, Jr., who survives at the home.

Other survivors include: one son, Roby Lee Edwards, Gainesville, Ga.; one daughter, Anita Sue Maples, Eldon; one stepdaughter, Raenel Wilde, Santee, Calif.; three brothers, Donald Barr and Bob Barr, both of Springfield, and William Barr, Lee’s Summit; one sister, Mildred Webster, SToutland; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. One stepson, Michael Hedgpeth, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, in Stoutland Cemetery. The Rev. Gene Edwards will officiate. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday at Colonial Funeral Chapel, Richland. Arrangements are under the direction of Rekus Funeral Home, Iberia.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Monday, July 1, 2002

Grace V. Burlingame, 97, Eldon, died June 30, 2002, in Eldon. She was born June 27, 1905, in Eldon, a daughter of Benjamine D. and Dora Savage Madole. She was married Jan. 14, 1925, in Eldon, to Aubrey W. Burlingame, who died Aug. 12, 1972.

She lived in the High Point/Eldon communities all of her life, moving from the farm to Eldon in 1898. She made uniforms for the military during World War II. She was employed with Glaser Brothers Manuafcturing Company in Eldon for 20 years.

Survivors include: one son, Lenvil Burlingame, Columbia; one daughter, Wilma Barrett, Springfield; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. The Rev. Shirley Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Saturday, June 8, 2002

Services were held for Maggie Marie Canon, 86, Bakersfield, Calif., who died May 13, 2002. She was born April 13, 1916, in Etterville, a daughter of Edgar and Myrtle Graham. She was married in 1959, to William “Bill” Canon, who died in 1997.

She was a retail clerk at Green Frog Market and Thrifty Mart until her retirement in 1964.

Survivors include: two sons, Ronald Templeton, state of California and Gerald Templeton, state of Missouri; four daughters, Terri Smith, Bakersfield, Calif., Loretta Nolthenius and Karen Lytell, both of the state of California, and Mary Ann Dimnick, state of Nevada; one brother, Marvin Graham, Thibodaux, La.; three sisters, Nellie Henley, Eldon, Irene Brinkley and Wilma Laudzers, both of Jefferson City, and Billie Mathis, Las Vegas, Nev.; 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. One son, Dewayne Canon, preceded her in death.

Services were at Greenlawn Memorial Chapel in Bakersfield. Betty Johnson officiated. Memorials are suggested to Hoffmann Hospice, 6501 Schirra Court, Bakersfield, Calif. 93313. Arrangements were under the direction of Greenlawn Mortuary Funeral Directors in Bakersfield, Calif.

Jefferson City Post Tribune, Monday, June 3, 2002
Sylvester W. “Zeke” Schwaller, 83, Holts Summit, died June 1, 2002, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born Aug 12, 1918, in Mary’s Home, a son of Albert and Sophia Doerhoff Schwaller. He was married May 25, 1952, in Mary’s Home, to Nellie Priest, who survives at the home.

He was a graduate of Eugene High School. He worked for Shikles Motor Company, Heisinger & Kolb, and McKay Buick. He also was a real estate agent and a self-employed contractor. He was a draftsman at FAB Building Supply until his retirement in 1981. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Morse, Holts Summit, and Susie Schroeder, Jefferson City, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One great-grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, Jefferson City. The Rev. Joseph S. Corel will officiate. Burial with military honors will be in Hathorn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor’s choice.

John David Graham, 91, Eldon, died July 29, 2002, in Eldon. He was born Jan. 26, 1911, in Eldon, a son of Martin B. and Ida Dorl Graham. He was married March 10, 1935, in Eldon, to Beulah E. Breazile. He was a farmer until his retirement. He was a member of Etterville Christian Church.

Survivors include: two daughters, Barbara Matthews, Springfield, and Doris Comeau, Savannah; two sisters, Nellie White, Versailles, and Dean Peck, Barnett; two brothers, H.N. “Jack” Graham, Eldon, and Woodrow Graham, La Mesa, Calif.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Phillips Funeral Home, Eldon. Bro. Borys Boyuk and Bro. Bob Jones will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Eldon. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday. Memorials are suggested to Etterville Christian Church.

Rose Jane Jansen, 86, Jefferson City, died June 5, 2002, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born April 5, 1916, in St. Thomas, a daughter of Henry and Antoinette Matheisen Staneke. She was married Feb. 14, 1938, in St. Thomas, to Cletus Jansen, who died Dec. 25, 1967.

She worked for the Jefferson City Baking Company and for Schulte’s IGA Store. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the church auxiliary, the Living Rosary and the Legion of Mary.

Survivors include: two daughters, Jonett Rehagen, Jefferson City, and Jerry Voss, Linn; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The Rev. Brendan Doyle will officiate. Burial will be in St. Margaret Catholic Church Cemetery, Osage Bend.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, with a prayer service at 6:45 p.m., at Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, Jefferson City. Memorials are suggested to the St. Margaret Catholic Church Cemetery Fund.

Raymond C. Shackelford, age 91, of Eldon formerly of Iberia, passed away Friday, July 31, 2009, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born in Iberia on July 9, 1918, son of the late Roscoe and Elizabeth “Lizzie” (Sloan) Shackelford. On September 25, 1940,

Raymond worked in Civil Service at Fort Leonard Wood for over 30 years until his retirement. He enjoyed Blue Grass Gospel music and singing at the local churches and nursing homes. Raymond was a member of the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon.

He is also survived by one son, Dorsey Shackelford and wife Sharon of Jefferson City; one daughter, Kathy Jeffries and husband Jim of Kansas City; one daughter-in-law, Glenda Shackelford of Brumley; nine grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and one sister, Lena Shelton and husband Paul of Iberia.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Dennis Shackelford and three brothers, Clarence Shackelford, Withrow Shackelford, and Roy Shackelford.

Visitation will be from 12:30-2:00 p.m. with services immediately following at 2 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. Chris Reynolds and Bro. Lee Todd will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Frances “Fran” Russell, age 82, of Iberia, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born in Kirkwood on June 4, 1927, daughter of the late Louis and Lena (Shackleford) Kimker. On June 25, 1949, in Kirkwood, Fran married Jennings Otho Russell, who preceded her in death on March 19, 1986.

She worked at Iberia High School for over 30 years as the superintendent’s secretary. She also volunteered at the Heartland Regional Library in Iberia and was a member of the Red Hat Society. Fran was also a member of Hickory Point Baptist Church near Iberia since 1968.

She is survived by two sons, Dan Russell and wife Wanda of Iberia and Tim Russell and wife Jeanie of Nixa; two daughters, Susan Faseler and husband Steve of Nixa and Janet Wall and husband Edwin of Iberia; twelve grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Walter Kimker and wife Claire of Iberia.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Dean Waters will officiate. Interment will be in Hickory Point Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, 2009, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Iberia Heartland Regional Library.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, July 2009

Dimple Sullens, 65 passed away Thursday morning July 30, 2009 at her residence in Eldon, Missouri. On July 23, 1944 she was born in Birdstown, Tennessee to the late Charles Marion and Sarah Lucile (Groce) Clark.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Gwen Sullens of Eldon, Missouri; granddaughters Jennifer Sullens and Jada Sullens; brothers and sisters Junior Clark of Kern, Texas, Joyce Sullens of Eldon, Missouri, Stanley Clark of Barnett, Missouri, Darlene Goodrich of Columbia, Missouri, Henry Redman of Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters: Joe Groce, Rose Manis, Earl Groce, Paul Groce, & Margaret Clark.

She loved canning and gardening flowers. She attended Eastside Assembly of God Church. She retired from Belton in Chicago after twenty-eight years. She was currently employed with Scholastic of Jefferson City, Missouri. She moved to Eldon 200 but her heart stayed in Chicago. She loved all of her nieces & nephews.

Visitation will be held on Sunday August 9, 2009 at the Eastside Assembly of God Church from 2:00PM – 2:30PM with the Memorial Service beginning at 2:30PM at the church. Pastor Buena Huffman & Rev. Virgil Dennis will officiate. Interment will be at the Eldon City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Ellis Fischel Cancer Center in Columbia, Missouri.

Rekus-Fancher Funeral Home Web Site, August 2009
Barry Dale Griffin, age 45, of St. Charles, passed away Friday, July 31, 2009. He was born in St. Louis on April 26, 1964, son of Ronnie and Terry (Gould) Griffin, formerly of Iberia. Barry worked for Midcoast Aviation for 21 years and was a FFA Designee (DAR). He enjoyed being outdoors and was very active. He loved his children, family and friends unconditionally, giving whatever he had of himself, asking nothing in return. His life’s motto was to “seize the moment” and he did that every day of his life.

He is survived by his children, Sarah and Jesse Griffin; two sisters, Laura Rolufs and Claudia Griffin; three nieces; grandmother, Hilda Gould; and many friends.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 P.M., under the direction of Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia, on Thursday, August 6, 2009, in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at Baue Funeral and Memorial Center in St. Charles. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Barry Griffin’s children education fund.

Dolores A. Holtmeyer, age 72, of St. Anthony, passed away Monday, August 3, 2009, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born in Osage Bend on May 13, 1937, daughter of Frank H. and Mathilda M. (Twehaus) Veit. After her mother’s death, Dolores was raised by her aunt and uncle, Rudolph and Josephine Veit. Her father later married Annie Veit. On June 23, 1956, in Meta, Dolores married Ignatius Henry “Stub” Holtmeyer, who preceded her in death on November 10, 2000.

Dolores graduated from Fatima High School. She was a homemaker and a cook at St. Elizabeth High School for ten years. She was a member of the St. Anthony Ladies Sodality, St. Anthony Sunshine Gals, and the St. Anthony Senior Citizens. She volunteered as a CCD Teacher in St. Anthony for many years and was a member of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

She is survived by four sons, William “Willie” Holtmeyer and Roxane of Jefferson City, Robert Holtmeyer and wife Beth of Belle, Richard Holtmeyer and wife Kristie of St. Anthony, and David Holtmeyer and wife Rose of St. Anthony; one daughter, Mathilda Jaegers and husband Terry of Russelville; ten grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jim Veit and wife Arlene of Palmyra and Joe Veit of Holts Summit; and two sister-in-laws, Lillian Veit of Wardsville and Patricia Veit of Independence. She was also preceded in death by one sister and three brothers.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2009, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in St. Anthony. Rev. Daniel Lueckenotte will officiate. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, at the St. Anthony Parish Hall with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Okley Kinder, age 87, of Iberia, passed away Tuesday August 4, 2009, at Kansas City VA Medical Center. He was born near Iberia on July 6, 1922, son of the late Marquis Earl and Leftie (Bond) Kinder. On June 16, 1946, in Iberia, Okley married Edna Allene Shelton at Bray’s Advent Christian Church.

He was a member of the Iberia VFW and American Legion. He was past Master of the Iberia Masonic Lodge 410 AF and AM and was a member for more than 60 years. He organized the Iberia Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of the Iberia Lions Club. He was also involved in the Miller County Historical Society. For many years, Okley announced local football games for the Iberia Rangers, and was the official statistician for the Iberia Ranger’s basketball team for many years. Okley was very active in Bray’s Advent Christian Church, serving as a youth sponsor, elder, deacon, and Sunday school teacher.

He is survived by his wife, Allene; two daughters, Dr. Charlotte Shelton and husband Dr. Jim Moore and Patti Fehlig and husband Mark; four grandchildren, Dr. Matthew Shelton of Houston, Texas, Laura Garfield of Kansas City, Meghan Mitman of Oakland, California, and 577
Mollie Fehlig of Manhattan, New York; four great-grandsons; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by one brother, James E. Kinder.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2009, at Bray's Advent Christian Church near Iberia. Rev. Roy Gilkey and Rev. Mike Gardner will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of the Iberia VFW Post 6167 and American Legion Post 105 will be in Union Cemetery near Iberia. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Okley Kinder Youth Scholarship Fund at Bray’s Advent Christian Church.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, August 2009

Ruth Pauline Barnhart, 91, of Carlyle, Illinois, died Friday, July 30, 2009 at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Breeze, Illinois. Pauline was born on November 27, 1917 to the late Haulsey and Susie (Richardson) Wyrick. Pauline was married on November 05, 1935 to Andrew “Andy” Barnhart, who precedes her in death. Pauline was a member of Mt. Zion Christian Church near Tuscumbia, Mo.

Pauline is survived by her two daughters, Fay Gariano of Omak, Washington; and Pamela Sue Coffman of Etterville, Mo.; five sons, Bill Barnhart, Johnny Barnhart, LeRoy Barnhart, and Jerry “Pete” Barnhart all from the Eldon area; and Jimmy Barnhart of Shannon City, Iowa; 23 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

Pauline was preceded in death by her husband Andy, one son Elmer “Buddy” Barnhart and one daughter Bernice Ruth “Peggy” Berry of Carlyle, Illinois, four grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, August 3, 2009 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon, Mo. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, August 04, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Tuscumbia, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Mildred F. Hees, 93, of California, Mo., died Friday, July 31, 2009 at her residence in California, Mo. She was born on December 08, 1915 in Aurora Springs, Mo. the daughter of the late Milton Parks and Vercia Floy (Cooper) Bunker. She was married on August 11, 1934 in Aurora Springs, Mo. to Ralph B. Hees, who preceded her in death on December 03, 1989.

She was a member of Main Street Baptist Church in California, Mo. where she taught Sunday school for 5 years. She had an Ozark sense of an awe and appreciation for God’s creation in nature and pasted it on to those around her.

She is survived by her daughter, Fran Hees of Camdenton, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother and one sister.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, August 04, 2009 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon. Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, August 04, 2009 at 2:30 PM at Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon with Bro. Bob Hoskins officiating. Burial will be in the High Point Cemetery near High Point, Mo. Memorials are suggested to Main Street Baptist Church in California or to High Point Baptist Church in High Point.

Bonnie Ray, 102 of Richardson, Texas passed away on Saturday afternoon August 1, 2009 at the Village at Richardson in Texas. On June 20, 1907 she was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma to the late Calvin and Martha (Burd) Hoskins. On June 28, 1930 she was married in Eldon, Missouri to Arnm L. Ray who preceded her in death on July 12, 1996.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law Richard A. and Deanna Ray of Richardson, Texas; three grandchildren Andrew, Matthew, Rebecca; eight great grandchildren Grant, Zoe, Landry, Halley, Brady, Justin, Jake, & Luke. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother, and three sisters. She was a member of the Baptist Church.
There will be a Graveside Service on Friday August 7, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Eldon City Cemetery. Rev. Randall Bunch will be officiating. Memorials for Bonnie are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri.

**Unknown Publication, July 1934**

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Rhine Heldstab were shocked and grieved to hear of her sudden death, which occurred Saturday morning at 4 o’clock. She was apparently in good health the evening before and her husband became aware of her illness about two hours before she passed away. Dr. D.H. Kouns was called, but she expired ten minutes before he arrived.

The body was taken to Eldon by the Eldon Funeral Home, which had charge of burial arrangements and an examination of the body by Dr. J.R. Ellison, county coroner, revealed that her death was the result of heart disease.

Mrs. Heldstab, before her marriage was Miss Susan F. Cooper. She was born in the flatwoods community in October 1868, being at the time of her death 65 years old. Her mother died when she was a baby and her father passed away when she was seven years old. She was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaughan, who were no relation to her, and the foster mother still survives.

In 1898 she was united in marriage to Rhine Heldstab, and ever since their marriage they lived on Gum Creek, about three miles west of Tusculumia. She is survived by the husband, who is also quite feeble, also by one son, Wesley, of Kansas City, and two grandchildren.

Funeral Services were conducted at the Tusculumia Cemetery Sunday afternoon by Rev. R.A. Woods, pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church, of which she was a member, and burial was in this cemetery.

**Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, May 26, 1988**

Sherman “Jenny” Ahart, 62, of Iberia died Friday, May 20, 1988 at his home. He was born Sept. 8, 1925 in Iberia to John and Sarah Humphrey Ahart.

Surviving him are two sisters, Martha Catron of Iberia and Missouri Hawkins of Dixon; and a brother, Charles Ahart of Crocker.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill McGarity officiating. Burial was in the Jarrett Cemetery.

Leonard R. Stokes, 79, of Dixon died Monday, May 23, 1988 at St. Elizabeth Care Center where he had been a resident for five years. He was born Feb. 1, 1909 in Van Cleve to Leroy and Ida Belle Pendleton Stokes.

Mr. Stokes worked for many years at the block plant at Waynesville. He also was a janitor at the Fort Wood School. He attended Campground Church near Meta.

Surviving him are nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Stevinson-Mossman Funeral Homes in Meta with Bro. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial was in the Pendleton Cemetery.

**Unknown Publication, December 1958**

Forris Whitaker, 79, was found dead in bed at his home near Iberia last Saturday morning, December 6. Mr. Whitaker had complained of not feeling well for a few days but had been in Iberia only a day or so before his death. He was found by his brother, Walter Whitaker, who had gone to the home to see about him. He apparently died of a heart attack.

Mr. Whitaker was a son of Archelus and Nancy Whitaker and was born March 11 1879 at Brays in Miller County. About 1925 he united with the Brays Advent Christian Church where he retained his membership all of his life.

He is survived by one sister, Annie Whitaker of Iberia; two brothers, Walter of Iberia and Hardin of Rolla and a number of nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o’clock at the Brays Advent Christian Church with the Rev. Harlie Goodwin officiating. Interment was made in the Brays Cemetery with Hedges in charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication, October 1958

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 14 at the Conway Baptist Church for Mrs. Cora Belle Benage. Burial was in the Conway Baptist Church.

She was the former Cora Thornsberry, daughter of the John Thornsberries who lived in Miller County near Iberia.

She was the wife of the late Dr. O.C. Benage of Conway who at one time practiced in Brumley. She is survived by two sons, J.C. and Paul of Lebanon and a daughter, Mrs. Lois Smith of Conway.

Attending the funeral from Iberia were Mrs. Cora Benage and son, Norman Benage.

Unknown Publication, November 1958

Funeral rites were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock at the Brays Advent Christian Church for Thomas Butler, 53, of Kansas City, who died Wednesday of last week. The Rev. Lawrence James officiated. Burial was in the Brays Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mary Woody of Iberia; two brothers, Harold of Memphis, Tennessee and Curtis of California; and two step-brothers, Norman Keck of Kansas City and Burton Keck of Arizona.

Unknown Publication, October 1958

Ottie Martin Jones, son of the late Marshall and Fetna Jones, was born in Miller County, Missouri, on June 20, 1884 and passed away at the Waynesville General Hospital on October 12, 1958, having attained the age of 74 years, 3 months and 22 days.

On December 28, 1908 he was united in marriage to Martha Sloan and to this union three children were born. One son, Alvin, has preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Martha, one son and one daughter, Farris of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Eunice Neeley of Iberia; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; four brothers and two sisters, John of Iberia, Joe and Walter of Dixon, Gordon of Eldon, Mrs. Nancy Slone of Dixon and Mrs. Sophie Bilyeu of Spring Hill, Kansas, also nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Church of Christ.

Devotional services were conducted by Wm. F. Jones at the Gilbert Funeral Home in Dixon last Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Union Cemetery near Brays.

Unknown Publication, January 1959

Otto Smith, 66, of near Iberia died last Sunday at the Humphreys Hospital in Tuscumbia where he had been a patient for a short time. Funeral services have been set for today, Wednesday, January 14, at the Hedges Chapel in Iberia with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Burial will be in the Livingston Cemetery.

He was a son of Alex and Nancy Smith and was born near Iberia April 16, 1892. May 1914 he was married to Ella Roark who survives. He recently became a member of the Fairview Christian Church.

Besides his wife he is survived by four sons, Thurman of Sullivan, Raymond of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Gail of St. Louis and Bobby Lee of Iberia and two daughters, Ruby Funke and Helen Johnson, both of St. Louis.
Kathryn Humphrey, age 73, of Brumley, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2009, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. She was born in Partridge, Kansas, on September 23, 1935, daughter of the late Ray and Ethel (Blew) Graham. On November 19, 1956, in Iberia, Kathryn married Jewell Francis Humphrey, who survives at the home.

She was employed at ASCS in Tuscumbia for many years until her retirement in 1994. She enjoyed playing piano and organ in church for over 50 years. Kathryn was a very dedicated member of Crossroads Baptist Church of Ulman.

She is also survived by two daughters, Connie Wilson and husband Lynn and Karen Bishop and husband Robert both of Brumley; six grandchildren, Tiffany Wilson, Stephanie Wilson, Lyndsey Wilson, Tricia Bishop, David Bishop, and Sierra Bishop; one brother, Clarence Graham of Eldon; three sisters, Mildred Alieksaites of Ulman, Norma Jean Ahart of Tuscumbia; and Marilyn Carico of Ulman; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Raymond Graham, Bob Graham, George Graham, and James Graham.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Bro. David Visser will officiate. Interment will be in Gott Cemetery near Ulman. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, August 10, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Crossroads Baptist Church of Ulman Building Fund.

Marilyn S. Holtmeyer, age 67, of St. Anthony, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2009, at her home. She was born in Cole County on August 21, 1941, daughter of the late Raymond and Marie (Prenger) VanLoo. On November 17, 1973, in Wardsville, Marilyn married Alvis “Al” Holtmeyer, who preceded her in death on October 20, 1990.

Marilyn was a 1959 graduate of Helias High School. She was employed with Landwehr Dairy, Langenberg Hat Factory in St. Elizabeth, Family Memorial Planning, and the Missouri Department of Health until her retirement in 2004. She enjoyed bird watching, flowers, gardening, and bowling. She loved her family, friends, especially her young nieces, nephews, and her dog, Bobby. Marilyn was an active member of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sons, Randy Holtmeyer and Ronnie Holtmeyer, both of St. Anthony; two brothers, James VanLoo and wife Sarah, Jack VanLoo and wife Wanda all of Wardsville; two sisters, Dorothy Sommers and husband Alfred of Fulton, and Grace Lauf of Jefferson City. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Rayma Forck, and an infant sister, Mary Jane VanLoo.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Rev. Daniel Lueckenotte and Rev. Clarence Wiederholt will officiate. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11, at the St. Anthony Parish Hall. An additional visitation will be held from 8-10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, at the Hall. Memorial contributions are suggested to American Cancer Society or to the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Virgil Barnhart, 54, of near Iberia died last Saturday afternoon at the St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City where he had been a patient for a short time. He was a son of William and Callie Barnhart and was born in Maries County, Feb. 3, 1904.

March 24, 1926, he was married to Florence Grosvenor who survives. For the past few years he had worked at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Loren of Ferguson; one daughter, Ruby Roberds of Meta; his father, William of Valley Park; one brother, Everett of Caro, Michigan; two half-brothers, Clinton of Valley Park and Clay of Michigan and two half-sisters, Beulah Leek of Granite City and Ducia Rowden of Valley Park.
Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 30, at the Smyrna Church of Christ where he had been a member for many years. Orville Elrod officiated. Burial was in the Lawson Cemetery with Hedges in charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication, January 1959

Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, 62, died unexpectedly early Monday morning at the sanitorium at Mt. Vernon where she was taken the latter part of the week.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Wednesday) at the Assembly of God Church in Iberia with the Rev. T.T. Roark officiating. Burial will be made in the Dake Cemetery with Hedges in charge of arrangements.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Redus and Marvin; three daughters, Irene Rowden, Maxine Means and Shirley Copeland; five brothers, Jack Dake, Joe Dake, George Dake, Larman Dake and Willard Dake and two sisters, Susan Ahart and Fannie Thompson.

Unknown Publication, November 29, 1956

Mrs. Melvin Perkins, 84, of Iberia passed away at her home Thursday night Nov. 22, following an illness of several months. Her husband passed away Tuesday morning of last week and his funeral services were held only a few hours before the death of his wife.

Mrs. Perkins was the former Mrs. Rosa Mace and lived in Crocker for many years where she reared her family.

She is survived by eight sons, Arthur, Stanley and Ted Mace of Springfield; Guy Mace, Waynesville; Leslie Mace, Los Angeles, Calif.; Wayne Mace, San Jose, Calif.; John Mace, Palm Springs, Calif.; and Bill Mace, Azusa, Calif. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Fisher of Springfield and Mrs. Maud Hammack, Iberia; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Hedges Funeral Chapel Sunday afternoon at two o’clock with the Rev. Earl Brown officiating. Interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, September 1958

Norman Eugene Clark, son of Eugene and Effie May Clark, was born in Miller County, Mo., October 22, 1897, and passed away at the Humphrey’s Hospital in Tuscumbia, Mo., on September 7, 1958, at the age of 60 years, 10 months and 5 days.

On December 25, 1924, he was united in marriage to Hester Berry who passed away Feb. 5, 1948. Nine children were born to this union, two having preceded him in death.

When he was a young man he united with the Christian Newlight Church at Mt. Gilead and retained membership here at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Effie May Clark of Iberia, Mo.; five sons, Norman J. of Vienna, Mo., Sgt. Walter L. serving with the Air Force in Turkey and Chester W., Kirt R., and James A. of the home; two daughters, Niona Kuegele of Kansas City and Ellen M. Uribe of Alice, Texas; three sisters, Cecil Boyd of Iberia and Bernice Tillman and Constance Royer of Hooper, Neb., and three brothers, Adrian of Detroit, Mich., Norwood of Iberia and Eric of Dixon, Mo.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Brays Advent Christian Church with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Hedges in Charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication, October 1958

Oscar Malmbert, 60, died Friday afternoon, October 17, while at work at the home of a friend, Emery Robertson of Iberia. The men had been repairing the Robertson home and Mr. Malmbert had climbed from the roof and sat down to rest when he apparently suffered a heart attack and died almost instantly.
He was born near Crocker March 16, 1898, the son of John and Ruah Malmberg. December 4, 1921, he was married to Lettie Leona Rowden who survives. Except for a short time when he worked as a miner in Oklahoma, the Malmbergs lived in the Iberia community where he had worked as a farmer and minister.

Mr. Malmberg was an ordained minister in the Church of God and served many community churches. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Gospel Ridge Church near Fort Leonard Wood. He was a veteran of World War I and spent several months in France.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, October 20 at one o’clock at the Iberia Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Joseph McKinney of Rolla officiating, assisted by the Rev. Donald Tyler. Burial was in the Madden Cemetery. Military rites were performed by members of the Iberia American Legion post.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Margie) Humphrey of Iberia, Mrs. Walter (Rose) Gardner of East St. Louis, Illinois

Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, August 2009

Ambrose H. Hake, age 81, of St. Elizabeth, passed away Monday, August 10, 2009, at the St. Elizabeth Care Center. He was born in Marys Home on October 18, 1927, son of the late Conrad Antone and Ida (Volmert) Hake. On February 17, 1981, in Miami, Oklahoma, Ambrose married Peggy (Smith) Warman, who survives at the home.

He was a member of Iberia VFW, American Legion, and the Miller County Historical Society. Ambrose attended St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

He is also survived by three sons, Bill Hake and wife Jennie of Eldon, Donald “Bubba” Hake of St. Elizabeth, and David Hake of Fort Smith, Arkansas; one daughter, Becky Perkins and husband Joel of Rolla; two stepdaughters, Kerry Warman of Pleasant Hill and Kirk Warman and wife Twyla of Iberia; two stepdaughters, Kathy Smith and husband Bob of Independence and Kelly Sanders and husband Dennis of Jefferson City; two grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Kellison of Lawrence Kansas; and one brother, Larry Hamacher of Kansas City. He was preceded in death by one infant sister, Dorothy Hake.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Rev. Daniel Lueckenotte will officiate. Interment with military honors under the direction of the Iberia VFW Post 6167 and American Legion Post 105 will be in Iberia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, Thursday, July 23, 2009

Virginia L. McKinley, 75, of Versailles died Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at St. Mary’s Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born July 22, 1934 in Brumley to Fred and Cornelia Olive Thompson Robinett. On July 26, 1955, she was married to Jerold R. McKinley, who died April 19, 2000.

Mrs. McKinley retired as a secretary at Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Versailles United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Debbie Gronstedt and husband Richard of Versailles; two granddaughters, Tricia Hager and husband Chris of Lee’s Summit and Gini McNeive of Columbia. She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Robinett.

Visitation will be held from 12:20 to 2 p.m. Saturday at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Funeral services will immediately follow. Burial will be in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett.

Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home Web Site, August 2009
Arthur Ronald Lee Fulcher, 68, of Jefferson City, died suddenly on Monday, Aug. 3, 2009, at Warrensville Heights, Ohio, following a family reunion. He was born on Dec. 3, 1940, in Centertown, Mo., the son of the late Andrew Jackson and Minnie Mae Driver Fulcher. He was married on March 1, 1970, in Columbia, Mo., to JoAnne Jenkins who survives at the home.

A 1958 graduate of Lincoln Laboratory High School, Mr. Fulcher received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Drama/Communications from Lincoln University in 1962; the Bachelor of Arts degree from Ambassador College in Pasadena, Calif.; and the Master of Arts degree in Speech/Communication from California State University at Los Angeles in 1977.

He was a Professor of Speech and Communications/Theater in the Fine Arts Department at Lincoln University for thirty-two years where he also produced and directed many plays annually. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran during the Vietnam Era attaining the rank of Sergeant.

A former member and Deacon of the World Wide Church of God, he was ordained an Elder at Grace Covenant Church, Columbia. He was a member of the National Speech and Theater Association. He had a passion for tennis, was an avid reader, and was a self-taught guitarist.

Other survivors include two sons, Bryan A. Fulcher, and Brandon R. (Yan Guo) Fulcher, all of Columbia, Mo.; one brother, Donald A. (Vi) Fulcher, Kearns, Utah; one sister, Gladys E. Holmes, Kansas City, Kan.; and many relatives in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Harold Holmes.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9th, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, at Second Baptist Church, Jefferson City, conducted by Pastor Art Dyer, of Grace Covenant Church, and Elder Gerald Beechum, of Kansas City, Mo. Burial with military honors will be in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Memorials are suggested to Grace Covenant Church; Mid-Missouri Church of God; Lincoln University Fine Arts Dept.; or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Rekus Fancher Funeral Home Web site, Aug. 2009

Dorcas L. Keeth, age 95, of Iberia, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2009, at Miller County Care Center in Tuscumbia. She was born in Iberia on September 6, 1913, daughter of the late Guy Franklin and Betsy (Duncan) Wall. On June 17, 1933, Dorcas married John A. Oertli, who preceded her in death on November 9, 1951. On August 30, 1958, near Iberia, she married Laymon Keeth, who preceded her in death on May 21, 1994.

Dorcas was a member of the VFW and American Legion Ladies Auxillary. She worked for Civil Service at Fort Leonard Wood for 30 years. Dorcas was also a member of the First Christian Church in Iberia.

She is survived by her daughter, June Burks and husband Jim of Iberia; two granddaughters, Gay Gillian and husband Billy and Ginger Hensley and husband Bill all of Iberia; five great-grandchildren, Bridgett Baker of Iberia, Brandy Smith of Crocker, Brooke Bridgeman of St. Robert, Evan Hensley of Iberia, and Matt Hensley of Iberia; eleven great-great-grandchildren; and five brothers and sisters, Elline Collins, Estal Wall, Gene Wall, Alice Wyrick, and Wilma Goodson. She was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2009, with services immediately following at 2 p.m., at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev. Stan Way will officiate. Interment will be in Iberia Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Iberia Cemetery.

Phillips Funeral Home Web Site, August 2009

Alice Ann (Kemna) Kempker, 90, of Eldon, Missouri passed away Saturday evening August 8, 2009 at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. Alice was born on January 25, 1919 in St. Elizabeth, Missouri to the late George & Elizabeth (Wetlock) Kemna. She
was married on June 6, 1939 to Raymond C. Kempker at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth, Missouri by the Rev. H.J. Meyer. Raymond preceded her in death on December 6, 1985. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, Missouri. She was a member of the Altar Society, the Rosary Group, and attended Adoration and daily Mass. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, watching television, cooking, reading and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her son Daniel J. Kempker of Eldon, Missouri, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Clara Evers, and Louise McCreery, and one brother, Edward Kemna.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday August 11, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, Missouri from 4:00 – 8:00 PM with a Rosary prayed at 7:30 PM. Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday August 12, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Eldon, Missouri at 11:00 AM with Rev. Frederick Elskamp officiating. Burial will follow the Mass at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, Missouri. Memorials for Alice are suggested to the Crippled Children’s Service or to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Almeda Catherine Smith, 91 of Russellville, Missouri passed away Thursday evening August 13, 2009 at her residence. On November 1, 1917 she was born in Hardin County, Kentucky to the late Isom Thomas and Charlotte Catherine (Tyler) Spurgeon. On June 20, 1948 she was married in Aline, Oklahoma to Ernest L. Smith who preceded her in death on March 20, 1976.

She is survived by her two daughters, Deborah Cotten of Russellville, Missouri Rebekah Witt of Jefferson City, Missouri; grandchildren Thomas Cotten, Beverly Bond, and Jonathan Cotten; four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one grandson, Leonard Dale Witt.

She attended Southwood Hills Church of God Holiness in Jefferson City, Missouri. Almeda taught for thirty plus years in the public school systems of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri.

Visitation will be held on Sunday August 16, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, Missouri from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Funeral Service will be held on Monday August 17, 2009 at 2:00 PM also at the funeral home with the Rev. Marshall Mosley officiating. Interment will follow the service at the Eldon City Cemetery of Eldon, Missouri. Memorials for Almeda are suggested to Hospice Compassus, 2418 Hyde Park Rd., Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Mid-Missouri newspaper - 1974

William F. Gudeman, 58, Iberia, was found dead in his home Thursday (April 18, 1974). He was pronounced dead of natural causes by the Miller County coroner. Mr. Gudeman was born March 14, 1916, near St. Elizabeth, the son of Henry B. and Mary M. Arens Gudeman. He was a farmer and auto mechanic. He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of VFW Post No. 6167. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Survivors include: one sister, Mrs. Marie Herx, Iberia; two brothers, Ben Gudeman and Herman Gudeman, both of Tuscumbia; and several nieces and nephews.

The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the Stevinson Chapel, Iberia. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Jerry Jaworski officiating. Military graveside rites, under the auspices of the Fort Leonard Wood military team, and burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Unknown Publication, August 1958

Funeral services for Mattie Jane Shelton, 84, of Granite City were held Sunday, Aug 5 at the Brays Advent Christian Church, near Iberia, with the Rev. V.M. Gilbert officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of Hedges Funeral Home of Iberia.
Mattie Jane Shelton, daughter of Andrew and Mary Pendleton, was born in Miller County, Mo., on March 27, 1874 and passed away at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City, Ill., August 1, 1958 at the age of 84 years, 4 months and 4 days.

On November 3, 1892, she was united in marriage to Doward Shelton and to this union ten children were born. She was preceded in death by her husband, Doward, on Aug 5, 1951.

She professed her faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Alder springs Church of Christ. She retained her membership at this church until 15 years ago and then moved in to the Church of Christ in Granite City, where she retained it until her passing.

She is survived by seven sons: Owen of Joplin, Mo., Truman, Ray, Myrl, Otto and Lawrence of Granite City, Ill., and Olen of Minneapolis, Minn.; three daughters, Edith Wilson of Iberia, Mary Lurton and Lorene Livingston of Granite City, Ill; six brothers, Henry, Owen, Harvey and Ivey of Granite City, Ill., Perry and Everett of St. Louis, Mo.; 30 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Unknown Publication, November 1958

Henry Marshall Grosvenor, 80, of near St. Elizabeth died at his home Sunday, November 16. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at one o’clock at the Smyrna Church with Virgil Smith officiating. Interment will be in the Southside Cemetery at Meta with Hedges in charge of arrangements.

He was a son of John and Mary Grosvenor and was born October 3, 1878 in Miller County. In 1902 he was married to Mollie Humphrey who died in 1904. On September 1, 1911, he was married to Linett Bilyeu.

About fourteen years ago he united with the Smyrna Church where he retained his membership.

Surviving are two sons, William and Harold of Iberia and Five daughters, Blanche Jeffries of St. Louis, Inez Barnhart of Jefferson City, Freda Burnham and Evelyn Burns of Meta and Ruby Imbordino of Lawrence, Michigan.

Unknown Publication, November 1958

A head-on collision which happened about five o’clock Monday evening east of Iberia on Highway 42, resulted in the death of an Iberia man, hospitalized a Ft. Leonard Wood soldier and injured the third person. The death victim, Seldon Humphrey, 48 of Iberia was dead on arrival at the Gould Clinic in Iberia.

Humphrey who was driving a 1952 Ford, was traveling west toward Iberia when he collided with a 1958 Chevrolet driven by George Earp, 38, of Iberia. The Chevrolet was owned by Sgt. N. H. Page who lives in Iberia and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. Page was riding with Earp who was trying out the car after it had been repaired.

The accident happened about one-half mile east of the city limits of Iberia on Highway 42. The two cars met almost directly in front of the Iberia VFW hall as they rounded a curve and topped a knoll.

The Highway Patrol reported that Humphrey was passing a car on the small hill and curve when he met the Page auto head-on. The terrific impact threw Humphrey from his car into a ditch. He failed to regain consciousness and died a short time later. Earp was treated at the Gould Clinic for a severe laceration of the right leg below the knee and a cut over the right eye before he was allowed to return to his home. Sgt. Page suffered a fractured left arm, a severe laceration on the head and a possible skull fracture. He was hospitalized at Fort Leonard Wood. Both cars were practically demolished.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, Wednesday, at two o’clock at the Brays Advent Christian Church. Burial will be in the Brays Cemetery with Hedges in charge of arrangements.
He is survived by his wife, Ruby; one daughter, Mary Ann Rowden of Dixon; two sons, Jewell of Iberia and Donley of Dixon; two sisters, Mamie Shackelford and Alma Helton of Iberia and three brothers, Floyd and Rockford of Iberia and Dora of Leslie, Missouri. He had been a member of the Brays Advent Christian Church for 25 years. His parents, Elbert and Margaret Humphrey, are deceased.

**Unknown Publication, November 1956**

**Cornelius E. (Neil) Brockman, 57, (death cert. says 52)** was born in Illinois, the son of Herman and Emma Brockman, and died Sunday, November 25, 1956 at the Boone County Hospital in Columbia after an illness of about one year.

Mr. Brockman was a resident of Miller County for many years and for the past several years served as a tax consultant in Eldon. He also had been associated with the Selective Service Board since 1948 and served as chairman of the local board for some time.

Survivors include one brother, Fred Brockman, and one sister, Mrs. Adelia Saligo, both of San Francisco, California.

Funeral services were held at the Phillips Funeral Home in Eldon Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. James Culpepper officiating.

**Unknown Publication, November 1956**

**Mrs. Everett Bolien (nee Emma Wilson), 56,** died Thursday, Nov. 22 at her home near Iberia after being in ill health for several months.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at two o’clock at the Mt. Gilead Church with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating, assisted by the Rev. Theodore Roark. Interment was made in the Jim Matt Lawson Cemetery with the Hedges Funeral Home of Iberia in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by her husband; her mother, Mrs. Anna Lawson; two daughters, Marjorie Harden and Dorothy Bowman; four sons, Ellis, Alonzo, Dallas and Roy Thomas; one brother, James Wilson, and one sister, Clara Stokes.

**Unknown Publication, July 1961**

**Mrs. Effie May Clark,** daughter of John P. and Nancy Ann Norwood, who was born at Mayfield, Ky., on March 3, 1874, passed away at the Miller County Rest Home near Tuscumbia, Missouri Sunday at the age of 87.

On June 28, 1891 She was united in marriage to Eugene Albert Clark and to this union 8 children were born. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son in infancy and another son, Norman, in 1958.

Early in life she united with the Fairview New Light Christian Church near Iberia where she retained her membership until her passing.

She leaves three sons, Norwood Clark and Adrian Clark, both of Iberia, and Eric Clark of Dixon; three daughters, Mrs. Cecil Boyd of Dixon and Mrs. Bernice Tillman and Mrs. Constance Royer, both of Hooper, Neb.: 20 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Advent Christian Church with the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Interment was in the Union Cemetery under the direction of the Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

**Unknown Publication, November 1960**

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Humphreys Chapel in Iberia for **Johnnie Elza Blankenship.** Mr. Blankenship died Friday at Humphreys Hospital in Tuscumbia just five days after his 86th birthday.
Mr. Blankenship, the son of Joe and Josephine Blankenship, was born in Macon County on Nov. 6, 1874. On Dec. 23, 1899, he was married to Emma Jan Hensley. They were the parents of five children. Mr. Blankenship was preceded in death by his wife on July 18, 1953.

Early in life he united with the Hickory Point Baptist Church where he retained his membership until his death.

He leaves three sons, Ora and Barney of Iberia and Lloyd of Burbank, Calif.; two daughters, Isa Hopkins of Kansas City, Kan., and Ruby Ponder of Granite City, Ill.; two sisters, Gertie Jarrett of Jefferson City and Nellie Lewis of Iberia; 12 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Don Tyler officiated at the services Sunday. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

William Everett Sloan died at his home in the Iberia community Sunday at the age of 65. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Faith Tabernacle Church east of Iberia with the Rev. Verlin Clark officiating. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Humphrey Funeral Home of Iberia.

He was born in Miller County on July 23, 1895, the son of Thomas and Sarah Sloan. On July 18, 1954, he united with the Faith Tabernacle Church where he retained his membership until his death.

He is survived by three sisters, Maggie Branson and Mae Rowden of Dixon and Dorsey Shyrock of Peoria, Ill.; and two brothers, Leslie Sloan of Dixon and Leonard Sloan of Peoria, Ill.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

Word has been received here of the death early Saturday morning, October 29, of Lawrence Bryan Shelton of Granite City, Ill., a former resident of Miller County. Mr. Shelton, 63, died about 5:15 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City where he had been a patient four days. He had been ill a week, suffering a heart ailment.

A World War I Army veteran, Mr. Shelton was employed as a hydraulic pressman at General Steel Castings Corp. He was a native of Miller County, but had lived in Granite City 40 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Laura; six brothers, Owen of Joplin, Olen of Minneapolis, Minn., and Otto, Ray, Myrl and Truman of Granite City; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Lurton and Mrs. Lorene Livingston of Granite City and Mrs. Edith Wilson of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, December 1960

John Wilson Ponder, 64, a farmer in the Hickory Point community and a member of the Iberia R-5 board of education, died Tuesday night as he was en route by ambulance to the Veterans Hospital in St. Louis. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

He passed away about 8:30 p.m., beyond Crocker, some 30 minutes after the ambulance had stated for the hospital.

Mr. Ponder was a lifetime resident of the area. He was born at Iberia Feb. 26, 1896, the son of George and Hepsybeth Ponder.

Mr. Ponder leaves two brothers, Perry of the state of California and Gordon of Iberia; two uncles, Frank Ponder of Crocker and John U. Stone of Los Angeles, Calif.; one aunt, Ida Deaton. … Balance missing

Unknown Publication, November 1960

Funeral services for Pete Belk were held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Humphrey Chapel in Iberia. Mr. Belk, 75, died Monday in a Jefferson City hospital.
The Rev. Harlie Goodwin officiated at the funeral services. Burial was in the Belk Cemetery near Iberia.

Mr. Belk, the son of Henry and Priscilla Belk, was born in Iberia June 24, 1885. In August of 1909, he was married to Ollie Fancher, who survives. Also surviving are their six sons, Guy of St. Louis, Fred, Hank, John and Charlie all of Iberia and Preston of Fort Smith, Ark.; two sisters Josie Belk of Iberia and Dessie Prather of St. Louis; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Unknown Publication, January 1955

George Howard Jones, son of Monasey (Manasseh) and Margaret Pointer Jones, was born on September 12, 1871, in Iberia, Mo., and departed this life January 27, 1955 at the general Hospital of Riverside County, Arlington, Calif., at the age of 84 years. On August 15, 1894, he was united in marriage to Dora Smith and to this union nine children were born.

Mr. Jones was employed by the Corn Product Co. of Granite City, Ill. for 30 years when he retired. Later he moved to Corona, Calif., where he was making his home at the time of his passing. He was well known in Miller County as well as in Pulaski County, because of the number of years he lived in these communities.

Those who are left to mourn his passing are: his beloved wife Dora of the home; two daughters, Flossie Christenell and Virginia Seaton of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sons, Arthur of Crocker, Harvey and Carlis of Van Nuys, Calif.; one brother, Martin of Crocker. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. He has been preceded in death by his father and mother. At the age of 50 he was converted and united with the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1955, at the Crocker Christian Church with Rev. Art Gott officiating and interment was made in the Iberia Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the… (there is a misprint in the newspaper from this point on).

Unknown Publication, May 1959

Mrs. Jessie Jewell (McKee) Rowden, daughter of the late John Albert and Sarah Agnes McKee, was born at Brays on Oct. 17, 1901 and passed away last Thursday, May 28, having attained the age of 57 years.

On Sept 5, 1921, she was married to Ovid C. Rowden and to this union six children were born. Her husband preceded her in death on July 22, 1952, and one daughter, Dorris, on Nov. 3, 1951.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters: Wilburn of Jefferson City, Herbert of Vienna, Mrs. Joan Vaughan of St. Louis, Harold of Meta, and Mrs. Carol Miller of Dixon; 18 grandchildren; and four brothers and four sisters: Granville McKee of Iberia, David McKee of Iberia, John McKee of Granite City, Ill., Alton McKee of Dixon, Mrs. Nancy Lawson of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. Susan Pendleton of Tusculumbia, Mrs. Hester Shelton of Granite City, Ill., and Mrs. Enid Barnhart of Cairo, Mich.

She united with the Church of Christ early in life.

Funeral service was held at the Wheeler Church on Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Virgil Smith officiating. Interment was in the Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Gilbert Funeral Home of Dixon.

Fancher Rekus Funeral Home Web Site, August 2009

He retired from the U.S. Army in 1971 as a First Sergeant with 20 years of service. He
served in the Korean Conflict and two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart
Award. Charles was employed with the state for 20 years and was a member of the St. James
VFW.

He is survived by two sons, Randy Swyers and wife Brenda of Vienna and Mike Swyers
and Lily Johnson of Jefferson City; four daughters, Ursula Bell and husband Jim of Dixon, Silvia
Groves and husband John of Dixon, Barb Bailey and husband Larry of Vienna, and Christy
Warchol and husband Tony of Jefferson City; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and
many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. He was also preceded in death by three sisters and
one brother.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at Fancher-Rekus
Funeral Home in Iberia. Interment with military honors will be in Vienna Public Cemetery.
Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, at the funeral home. Memorial
contributions are suggested to the St. James Veteran’s Home.

Ruth Ann Robinett, age 63, of Iberia, passed away on Monday, August 17, 2009, at her
daughter’s home in Vienna. She was born in Norwich, Connecticut, on November 29, 1945,
daughter of Charles Ross and Evelyn Irene (Wright) Hodges. Ruth Ann married James F.
Robinett, who preceded her in death in 1984.

She is survived by two daughters, Cindy Durkee of Florida and Patti Robinett of Vienna;
one son, Jimmy Robinett of Iberia; three grandchildren, Brandon Durkee of Florida, Raven
Rickerson of Iberia, and Paige Robinett of Iberia; one brother, Bruce Hodges of Florida; and one
sister, Carolyn Montgomery of Virginia. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Ross
Hodges.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., with memorial services immediately
following at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 22, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Rev.
Larry Young will officiate. A graveside service will be held in New Hope Cemetery in Kaiser
following the memorial. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ruth Robinett Memorial
Fund.

Ronald Thayne Maher, age 65, of Barnett, Missouri died Saturday, August 15, 2009, at
his home. He was born in Olean, Missouri on July 28, 1944, the youngest son of Malcolm
Thayne and Nellie Francis (Runyan) Maher. On September 25, 1965, in Reno, Nevada he was
married to Cathalean Barber.

Ronald was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Castlewood
Baptist Church in Vallejo California, where he lived from 1957 to 2006. Ronald enjoyed
spending time with his family, especially on Sundays at Grandma Nellie’s house. He worked
hard and truly enjoyed working in the family construction business. Outside of work he was a
baseball coach for many years, loved to play basketball, was a great water skier, and enjoyed
photography.

Those who survive him include: his wife, Cathalean Anne (Barber) Maher of the home;
three sons, Myron Kent Maher and wife Maria of Clovis, California, Jay Lloyd Maher and wife
Tracey of Sacramento, California and David Wray Maher and wife Michelle of Cambridge, UK;
one brother, Malcolm Francis Maher and wife Janice of Vallejo, California; one sister, Jo Ann
Thomas and husband Ken of Vallejo, California; three grandsons, Austin James, Landon Reese,
and Riley Cash Maher and his mother-in-law, Wanda E. Hess of Vallejo, California.
Those who preceded him include: his father, Malcolm Thayne Maher, mother, Nellie Francis

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 21, at Rekus Funeral Home in
Eldon, Missouri. Bro. Steve Maher and Pastor Ron Hess will officiate. Interment with military
honors provided by the Miller County VFW Post 2442 will be in Big Rock Cemetery near Versailles, Missouri. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, at Rekus Funeral Home in Eldon, Missouri. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Iberia Sentinel, August 30, 1951

Roger LeRoy Steen, son of Waldo and Eula Steen, was born Jan 16, 1943 and departed this life Aug. 27, 1951, at the age of 8 years, 7 months and 11 days. Roger was the youngest of the three sons, the eighth of nine children. During his short life, Roger had by his sunny disposition and willing cooperation in every activity endeared himself to all his friends in home, school and church life. He had attended three years at Honey Springs School, was a member of the primary class in Sunday school, the Story Hour Class in Training Union, and the Royal Ambassador group of the woman’s Missionary Union.

Roger is survived by his father and mother, two brothers, Sherril and Jim; six sisters, Carol, Jerry, Janet, Alice, Marilyn and Eula Mae; three grandparents, and Mrs. Frank Steen and Mrs. J. I. Popplewell; eight uncles, three aunts, 21 cousins and many other relatives and innumerable friends.

Roger loved Bible stories, especially stories about Heaven. He sang often the song, “Jesus Loves Me,” especially the verse, “If I love Him when I die, He will take me home on high.” Although he did not seem to have come to a realization of the need of a Savior, his simple acceptance gives an assurance that his going has brought Heaven a little closer and that he is waiting there.

Pallbearers were: Curtis Popplewell, Gail Popplewell, Tennyson Popplewell, Kermit Steen, Holmes Steen and Paul Steen. Members of the Primary Sunday school class and the Story Hour Training Union were flower bearers.

News article:

Roger Steen, 8 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Steen of near Iberia passed away at the Waynesville General Hospital last Monday morning as the result of injuries received in a fall last Saturday afternoon.

Roger and some other children were playing at the Steen farm home and were climbing ladders on the grain elevators when the young boy fell. According to the reports told by the children, the fall probably began several feet from the ground.

He was rushed to the hospital where later his broken leg was set. Early Monday morning he passed away unexpectedly as the result of possible internal injuries.

Roger is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Steen; two brothers, Sherril and Jim; 6 sisters, Carol, Geraldine, Janet, Alice, Marilyn and Eula Mae; and grandparents, Molly Popplewell, Ella Steen and Frank Steen.

Funeral services are being held today, Wednesday at 2 o’clock at the Hickory Point Baptist Church. The Hedges Funeral Service of Iberia are in charge of arrangements. Interment will be made in the Hickory Point Cemetery.

Unknown Publication, November 1960

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hickory Point Baptist Church near Iberia for Mrs. Ivy Mae Crane, of Salisbury. Mrs. Crane, 74, died there last Thursday only three months after her husband, Everett Crane, passed away. Mrs. Crane, the daughter of Billy and Martha Kelsay, was born at Hickory Point Nov. 20, 1886.

In 1908 she was married to Charles Karr who died in 1915. They were the parents of one son, Orville. In 1923, she was married to Mr. Crane who died on August 31 of this year. They had one daughter, Mrs. Corine Young. The Cranes moved from Miller County to north Missouri
in 1934. Mrs. Crane united early in life with the Hickory Point Baptist Church where she
retained her membership until her death.

She leaves her two children, Orville Karr of Iberia and Corine Young of St. Joseph; one
stepson, Emmett Crane of Santa Monica, Calif., two step-daughters, Mable Bachmann of Santa
Monica, Calif., and Maude Allee of Eldon; two sisters, Anna Adams of Tulsa, Okla., and Cora
Barr of Iberia; two brothers, Willard Kelsay of Iberia and John Kelsay of Kansas City; six
grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Alice Kelsay and Myrtle Howser,
preceded her in death.

The Rev. Elmo Terry officiated at the services Saturday. Interment was in the Hickory
Point Cemetery under the direction of the Humphrey Funeral Home of Iberia.

Unknown Publication, Unknown Date

Mrs. Harry P. Schell, 39, of Milwaukee, Wis., a former resident of Miller County, died
last Wednesday, Nov. 23, at St. Luke’s Hospital in Milwaukee. She passed away unexpectedly
about 28 hours after the birth of the Schell’s seventh child. Mrs. Schell was the former Edna
Schulte, daughter of the late Henry and Sophia Schulte who lived at Mary’s Home and Eldon.

Rosary services were held at 8 p.m. Friday at a Milwaukee funeral home, and services
were at 9 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Milwaukee. Burial was in Holy
Sepulcher Cemetery there.

In October 1942, she was married to Harry P. Schell of St. Elizabeth. The Schells later
moved to Eldon and he was employed at Reed’s Department Store. They left Eldon in 1949.

Survivors include her husband and seven children ranging in age from 17 years to
infancy; one brother, Leonard Schulte, of Eldon; and four sisters, Mrs. William Smith and Mrs.
Ed Kimberlin, both of St. Louis, Mrs. David Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs.
Wallace Burrus of Moberly.

Her mother, brother and four sisters attended the funeral services. Following the
services, a breakfast was held at the parish hall for 80 friends and relatives.

Unknown Publication, December 1960

Walter Doubikin, 77, well known farmer who lived between Tuscumbia and St.
Anthony, died Sunday at University Hospital in Columbia. Mr. Doubikin had been in declining
health the past two years and had been hospitalized at intervals as his condition continued to fall
in recent months.

Mr. Doubikin was born in Miller County March 1, 1883, the son of Thomas and Ellen
Doubikin. On May 18, 1902, he was married to his wife, Annie, who survives. They were
parents of five children. Two sons preceded him in death. One son died in infancy and another,
Lonnie, passed away on May 20, 1958.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Harris of Columbia,
Mrs. Dorothy Findley of Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. Lillie Hammons of Smithton; three sisters, Mrs.
Barney Tyler, Mrs. Dora McDonald and Mrs. Emma Gardner, all of Iberia and one grandson,
John Doubikin Hammons.

Early in life, Mr. Doubikin joined the Fairview Christian Church and was a member and
trustee of the church at the time of his death. For many years he had been a member of the
Republican Party and served as a Republican committeeman in Miller County. He was also a
member of the Miller County Extension board. He also had served as a member of the board of
directors of the former Farmers and Traders Bank of Iberia, having assumed that membership
from his father who was member before him. Mr. Doubikin also was a charter member of the
Iberia Farmers Exchange.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Fairview Christian Church with
the Rev. Mark Sooter officiating. Burial was in the Livingston Cemetery under the direction of
Humphrey Funeral Home of Iberia.
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann (Betsy) Green, 78, died unexpectedly at her home in Dixon Monday. She was the daughter of the late Jacob and Emma Gardner, former Iberia Residents. Early in life she united with the North Christian Church of Iberia and retained membership until her death. In May 1907, the former Miss Gardner was married to Forest Green. They were the parents of four children.

She was preceded in death by one son, Willie E. Green; her parents; and five brothers. Survivors include her husband; three children, George Green and Mrs. Gladys Long, both of Dixon; and Richard Green of Edwardsville, Kan.; 26 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Gilbert’s Funeral Home of Dixon.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Mt. Zion Christian Church near Iberia for Everett Jasper Birdsong, 78, retired farmer who lived on West Seventh St., in Eldon. Mr. Birdsong died at his home at 8:15 p.m. last Thursday after a long illness. He had been bedfast four years.

Mr. Birdsong, the son of Frank B. and Loretta Birdsong, was born Dec. 4, 1881 at Ulman. He was married Aug 15, 1909 to Lola Dell Kesterson who survives. They moved to Eldon following his retirement from farming. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Birdsong is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jewell Whittle of Eldon; six sons, Willie of Illinois, Henry of Ulman and Marion, Perry, Lloyd and Walter, all of Eldon; two brothers, John Birdsong of Tuscumbia and George of Cherryvale, Kan.; one sister, Mrs. Kate Birdsong of Lebanon and 21 grandchildren.

The Rev. Mark Sooter officiated at the services Sunday. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon. Pallbearers were Harry Kuvitsky, Norman Wyrick, Wassie Witt, Hary Clark, Arthur Clark and Breamer Thompson.

Joseph Milton Hensley of Ulman, a well known Miller Countian, died Sunday at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City. His death occurred only 1 days before his 72nd birthday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Ulman Christian Church with the Rev. James Kruse officiating. Interment was in the Gott Cemetery with funeral arrangements under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Iberia. Masonic services were conducted at the graveside by AF&AM Lodge 203 of Brumley.

Mr. Hensley, the son of Thomas J. and Arvazena Hensley, was born at Iberia April 23, 1887. On Feb 22, 1916 he was married to Nettie Bond, and they were the parents of four children.

More than 50 years ago he united with the church and at the time of his death was a member of the Ulman Christian Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge at Brumley.

He lived at Iberia until 1931. He then moved to Tuscumbia where he lived until 1939 when he moved to Ulman where he resided at the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Nettie of the home; three sons: Wade, Wayne and Jasper of Ulman; one daughter, Mrs. Ocal Condra of Columbia; three brothers: his twin, Arthur, of Burbank, Calif., Harvey of Meta, and John of Tuscumbia, and two grandchildren, Dick and DeAnn. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Willie in 1942, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Blankenship.

Joe Milton Hensley of Ulman, a well known Miller Countian, died Sunday at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City. His death occurred only 1 days before his 72nd birthday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Ulman Christian Church with the Rev. James Kruse officiating. Interment was in the Gott Cemetery with funeral arrangements under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Home of Iberia. Masonic services were conducted at the graveside by AF&AM Lodge 203 of Brumley.

Mr. Hensley, the son of Thomas J. and Arvazena Hensley, was born at Iberia April 23, 1887. On Feb 22, 1916 he was married to Nettie Bond, and they were the parents of four children.

More than 50 years ago he united with the church and at the time of his death was a member of the Ulman Christian Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge at Brumley.

He lived at Iberia until 1931. He then moved to Tuscumbia where he lived until 1939 when he moved to Ulman where he resided at the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Nettie of the home; three sons: Wade, Wayne and Jasper of Ulman; one daughter, Mrs. Ocal Condra of Columbia; three brothers: his twin, Arthur, of Burbank, Calif., Harvey of Meta, and John of Tuscumbia, and two grandchildren, Dick and DeAnn. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Willie in 1942, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Blankenship.
James Arthur Hensley, born near Iberia April 23, 1887, passed away at his home in Burbank, Calif., Oct. 23 from a heart attack, according to word received here. In 1913 he was married to Cecil Reed who survives. He is also survived by three daughters, Mrs. William (Lois) Daniels of Granite City, Ill., Mrs. Roy (Doris) Prater of Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Paul (Ila) Sancier of Sun Valley, Calif.; one son, James H. Hensley of Granite City, Ill.; two brothers, John of Tusculumia and Harvey of Meta, and five grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death. His twin brother, Milton, passed away on April 12, 1959; Willie, in 1942 and Emma Blankenship in 1953. He was a member of the Christian Church.

For a number of years he operated a farm in the St. Anthony community before moving to Granite City, Ill. in 1925. He ran the Hensley Grocery there for 15 years before retiring in 1953 to move to California. He also worked for Union Starch and Refining Co., and Union Electric Co., while living in Granite City.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 26, in Burbank, with burial in the Oak Wood Cemetery in Chatsworth, Calif.

Elza Wilborn Hickey, son of William and Lennie Hickey who was born at Big Piney, Pulaski County, on March 25, 1904, passed away at Dixon Saturday at the age of 55. On Nov 24, 1921, he was married to Effie Barnett and to this union two children were born.

Early in life, Mr. Hickey professed faith in Christ and has been a member of the Wheeler Congregational Church for the past 36 years.

He is survived by his wife, Effie, of the home; one son, Wyman of Dixon; one daughter, Mildred Adkins of Meta; four sisters, Alta Glasscock of Leavenworth, Kan., Ren Hickey of Modesto, Calif., Lena Jones of Ceres, Calif., and Minnie Martin of Dixon; six brothers, Woodrow of Fresno, Calif., Luther of St. Louis, Ora of Springfield, Carney and Dora of Dixon and Millard of Ceres, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Wheeler Church on Monday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Earl Brown officiating. Interment was in the Wheeler Cemetery with the funeral arrangements under the direction of the Hedges Funeral Homes of Iberia.

Frank Slawson, brother of Wes Slawson and Mrs. Mae Morrow of Iberia, died at a hospital in Garden City, Kan., following a heart attack. Funeral services and interment were in Garden City.

Mr. Slawson is also survived by his wife, Maude; one son, Earl and four daughters, all of Kansas, and two brothers, George of Bristow, Okla., and Claude of Stillwell, Kan.

Donald McKee, a former resident of Iberia, died suddenly at his home in University City Saturday night from a heart attack. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie McKee who were born and reared in Iberia.

Donald attended school in Iberia and was a graduate of Law School at Washington University in St. Louis and practiced law in St. Louis. He was 41 years old at the time of his death, married and the father of an 11 year-old son.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Bopp Funeral Home.

Joseph "Joe" Holzer, 65, Rt. 2, Henley, Missouri, died May 7, 1973 at Charles E. Still Hospital, Jefferson City, where he had been hospitalized for 19 days. He was a farmer and a life-
long resident of the Henley area. He was born December 23, 1907 at Henley, the son of Phillip and Mary Ann (Hake) Holzer.

He was buried at Our Lady of Snows Cemetery, Mary's Home. Survivors include: his mother who lives at Henley; five brothers, Antone Holzer and Albert Holzer, both of Henley; Vincent Holzer of Lee's Summit; Jerome Holzer of Jefferson City; Andrew Holzer of St. Martins; two sisters, Mrs. Regina Jaegers of Jefferson City and Mrs. Barcie Porter of Waynesville.

Unknown Publication, June 1961

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Humphrey Funeral Chapel in Iberia for **George Raymond Grosvenor** who died last Wednesday, June 14, at his home near Iberia. He was 51 years of age.

Mr. Grosvenor, son of George R. and Delilah Grosvenor, was born in Miller County on Nov. 22, 1909. On Aug. 15, 1931, he was married to Bertha Ellis, who survives. Also surviving are three sisters, Florence Barnhart and Edith Pendleton, both of Dixon, and Lillias Dillon of Iberia; and two brothers, Dorsey of Dixon and Lester of Iberia. Mr. Grosvenor was baptized in the Smyrna Church of Christ on Aug 22, 1953, and retained his membership until his death.

W.F. Jones officiated at the services Saturday. Interment was in the Lawson Cemetery near Iberia.

Unknown Publication, August 1963

Funeral services were held Sunday for **Willis L. Gamet**, 51, of Iberia, who was killed Aug. 15 in a traffic accident near Greenup, Illinois. Mr. Gamet was returning from a visit with relatives in Michigan when his station wagon collided with a tractor-trailer unit.

He was a member of the Iberia American Legion and VFW posts. He was a veteran of World War II. Mr. Gamet had been employed as an ambulance driver in the Iberia area several years.

The son of Ervin and Beulah Stevens Gamet, he was born at Vassar, Mich., on Feb. 19, 1912. In December of 1950, he married Elvia Jones.

Two brothers preceded Mr. Gamet in death. Surviving are his wife, Elvia, of the home; his parents, Ervin and Beulah Gamet of Mayville, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Arnold Haney and Mrs. Robert Holliday; five brothers, Reynolds, Irvin and Donald Gamet, all of Vassar; Clifton Gamet of Midland, Mich., and Floyd Gamet with the U.S. Air Force; four sisters, Miss Maxine Gamet of New Jersey, Mrs. Gladys Beckrow, Millington, Mich., Miss Velma Jean Gamet, Pontiac Mich., and Mrs. Beatrice Captian, Dearborn, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Brays Advent Christian Church, with the Rev. Harlie Goodwin officiating. Burial was in the Union Cemetery under the direction of the Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Freemont Shackleford, Myrl Rollins, Calvin Whitaker, Buel Alexander, Ambrose Hake and Verden Rook.

Unknown Publication, August 1963

**Clifford Henry Clark**, former mayor of Iberia, died Friday at his home in Iberia. He was 80 years old. Mr. Clark, son of Henry and Parley Wensted Clark, was born in Miller County on February 28, 1883. On October 29, 1904, he married Grace Farnham. They were the parents of three children. His parents, a sister, half-brother and daughter preceded him in death.

Mr. Clark was the organizer of the first rural route mail system for Iberia and was the first rural route carrier on Rte. 1 in Iberia. He served as mayor of Iberia from 1948 to 1956, and was also a school teacher, notary public and insurance salesman. He was well known for his outstanding livestock, and once cashier of the Farmers and Traders Bank in Iberia.

A member of the Iberia Congregational Church, Mr. Clark was also secretary of the Iberia Woodmen’s lodge.
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Grace Clark of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Segall of Jamaica, N.Y., and Mrs. May Sponsel of St. Louis; three half-sisters, Mrs. Nadine McGriff of St. Louis, Mrs. Lena Rudder of California state, and Mrs. Stella Rudder of St. Louis; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the church with the Rev. Earl Brown officiating. Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Home, Iberia. Pallbearers were Gene Farnham, Don Farnham, Bill Clark, Floyd Clark, Adrian Clark and Norwood Clark, Sr.

Unknown Publication, April 1961

Funeral services for Davie Dowe Barnhart, 19, were held Sunday, April 16, at 2 p.m. in the Church of Nazarene in Iberia with the Rev. Paul Ambro officiating. Interment was in the Union Cemetery near Iberia under the direction of the Hymphrey Funeral Home.

Mr. Barnhart, son of Wilburn and Olive Barnhart was born in Jefferson City on January 17, 1942. He died at his home near Iberia April 14.

He is survived by his parents; one brother, Don; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Loman Barnhart, High Ridge, and Mrs. Mina Helton, Iberia, and a number of aunts and uncles.

The Miller County Autogram-Sentinel, July 30, 1964

Mrs. Mary Ann Sloss, 74, died last Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Jane Hensley, of Iberia. Mrs. Sloss had lived with her daughter for approximately five years. She was a resident of Granite City, Ill., for 50 years. She was born in Murrayville, Ill.

Mrs. Sloss is also survived by two sons, William T. Sloss of Granite City and John H. Sloss of Chicago; a brother, Dennis Mellon of Granite City; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Cowherd of Chicago; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 8:30 a.m. Monday from the Lahey Funeral Home to the Sacred Heart Church in Madison, Ill. Burial was in the Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville, Ill. Local arrangements were under the direction of Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Mrs. Mary Lillias Dillon, 63, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Vivian Stover, in Otterville, where she had been for eight weeks. A daughter of George and Delilah Ann Grosvenor, she was born Feb. 17, 1901, in Miller County. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter and a brother. Mrs. Dillon was a member of the Church of Christ.

Also surviving are a son, Jesse Dillon of Jefferson City; two brothers, Dorsey and Lester Grosvenor, both of Iberia; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Barnhart of Iberia and Mrs. Edith Pendleton of Dixon; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Scrivner-Stevinson Chapel in Iberia, with W.F. Jones officiating. Burial was in the Lawson Cemetery near Iberia under direction of Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Belvia Nelson Wickham, 73, of Granite City, Ill., died Sunday, July 19, in a Granite City hospital. He had been ill for three years and hospitalized five days.

A retired construction laborer, Mr. Wickham was born in St. Elizabeth and lived in Iberia before going to Granite City 41 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Stella; two daughters, Mrs. Hugh McGovern and Mrs. George Motesgood; three brothers, John and Claude of St. Elizabeth, and Ilda of Eldon; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 22, in Granite City with interment at Sunset Hill Cemetery.
Funeral services were held Sunday for **Charles Ray Sooter**, 41, of Iberia, who died last Thursday at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. A son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sooter, he was born Jan. 21, 1923 in Iberia. He was a member of the Iberia Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are his parents of the home, a brother, Wade of San Diego, Calif., and three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Nolting of Odessa, Miss Fay Sooter and Miss Eunice Sooter, both of Iberia.

The Rev. James Trimble and the Rev. Mark Sooter officiated at the 2 p.m. services at the church. Burial was in the Union Cemetery, under direction of Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Connie Holt, Paul, Harry and Guy Hicks, and Charles and Dorsey Sooter.

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**Unknown Publication, March 1975**

**Mrs. Lena Denton Alexander**, 78 years, Rte. 3 Dixon, died suddenly Saturday evening, March 29, 1975 at her home. Mrs. Alexander was born Sept. 4, 1896 in Miller County near Hickory Point, the daughter of Wesley and Nancy (Aust) Denton. She was married on April 1, 1916, near Alexander’s Store in Miller county to James C. Alexander, who survives at the home.

Mrs. Alexander lived in Dixon for several years but spent most of her life in the Maries County and Miller County areas. Early in life she was baptized into the Church of Christ by Bro. William Freeman Jones. She attended Smyrna Church of Christ and was an active member of the Alder Springs Church of Christ.

Surviving other than her husband, James, are two daughters, Mrs. Wilma Burchfield of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Mrs. Louise Meredith of Dixon; five sisters, Mrs. Marshia Deardeuff of Iberia, Mrs. Sylvia Maylee of Eldon, Mrs. Mary Wray of St. James, Mo., Mrs. Veta McKenzie of St. Louis, and Mrs. Ida Belle Hails of Esther; two brothers, Sherman Denton of Iberia and Herman Denton of Etterville; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with Bro. Farris Wall and Bro. Lester Strutton officiating. Burial was in the Freedom Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kenneth Denton, Carl Shephard, Roger Higgins, William Alexander, Garland Bell and Dora Hickey.

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**Unknown Publication, June 1975**

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Iberia First Christian Church for Miss **Anna B. Fancher**, 71, Iberia who died Tuesday, June 10, 1975 at a Jefferson City Hospital. Miss Fancher was a native of Iberia, being born Sept. 29, 1903, to Everett B. and Laura Wilson Fancher.

She worked in St. Louis for many years before returning to Iberia in 1962. She was never married. She was a member of the First Christian Church at Iberia.

Surviving her are two sisters, Mrs. Vivian Hamman, Yuma, Ariz., and Mrs. Lillian Tracy, Silverado, Calif.; six brothers, Charles B. Fancher and Jack Fancher, both of Iberia, Claude Fancher, Sacramento, Calif., Byron T. Fancher, Wichita, Kan., Truman Fancher, St. Louis, and Wayne W. Fancher, Memphis, Tenn.

The Rev. Steve Shepherd officiated at the services. Burial was in Livingston Cemetery under the direction of Stevinson Funeral Home.

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**Unknown Publication, February 1975**

**John D. Hensley**, age 85 years, of Tuscumbia, Mo., passed away Monday, February 10, 1975 at the Miller County Nursing Home near Tuscumbia, Mo. where he had been a patient for one week.

Mr. Hensley was born January 4, 1890 near Iberia, Mo., the son of Thomas and Arvazena (Jarrett) Hensley. He was united in marriage on August 26, 1918 at the Tuscumbia Court House to Luva Mae Berry, who survives of the home. Mr. Hensley lived all his life in Miller County except for a few years spent in St. Louis, Mo. and Kansas City, MO. where he was employed.
with the Chevrolet Assembly Division as a painter and sander and was a Training Supervisor for
the Darr Trucking Co. of North Kansas City, Mo. He retired in 1955 and moved back to
Tuscumbia, Mo. Mr. Hensley was a member of the Mt. View Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Finis Wade in 1923 at age four years;
four brothers, Willie, Arthur, Milton and Harvey and one sister, Mrs. Emma Blankenship.

Surviving other than his wife, Mae, are one daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Byrd of
Waynesboro, Va. And one son, John D. Hensley, Jr. of Somerville, New Jersey, four
grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, 1975 at the Stevinson
Chapel in Iberia with Bro. Charles Lamb officiating. Interment was in the Jarrett Cemetery near
Iberia under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Ora
Blankenship, James Hensley, Warren Hensley, Jasper Hensley, Wade Hensley and Wayne
Hensley.

Unknown Publication, February 1975

Idonia Healey, Route 1, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1975, at the Phelps County Memorial
Hospital. She was 84. Mrs. Healey was born in Iberia on Nov. 28, 1889. She was a member of
the Immanuel Lutheran Church.]

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Goldie Healey, Edgar Springs; a granddaughter,
Linda Mace, Edgar Springs; two grandsons, Bob Healey and Jim Healey, both of St. Louis; a
sister, Blanche Smock, St. Charles and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Glenn Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Howard Hilsabeck
officiating. Burial was at the Rolla Cemetery. Pallbearers were Joe Simily, Cahrle Haas Jr.,
Floyd Haas, Herman Adams, Alvin Rohlfing and Melvin Gahr.

The above obituary was sent to Mrs. William Hixenbaugh by a friend, Mrs. Hazel Roark
of Rolla. Additional information was given by a niece of Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Sterling Cross. Mrs.
Cross was formerly Gladys Wickham.

Mrs. Healey was a daughter of Pete and Caroline (Stark) Bilyeu. Her first marriage was
to Jim Jarrett and her second husband was Perry Healey. She was preceded in death by a sister,
Clara Wickham and two half brothers, George and Edgar Bilyeu.

Unknown Publication, January 1975

William Emmett Pendleton, age 82 years of Iberia, Mo., passed away Monday, January
20 at the Miller County Nursing Home where he had been a patient for over a year. Mr.
Pendleton was born April 23, 1892 in Cole County near Henley, Mo., the son of Joseph and Sarah
(Lankenau) Pendelton. He was married on January 23, 1914, by Rev. DeBeers, to Fannie Frances
Woody who preceded him in death on January 23, 1941. Mr. Pendleton lived near Capps, Mo. as
a child and moved into Iberia, Mo. in 1951. He was a carpenter and had been a member of the
Bray’s Advent Christian Church for over 50 years.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by one daughter, Anna Helen Jones on
April 19 1973. Surviving are three sons, Amos Pendleton of Route 3, Dixon, Mo., Joe Pendleton
of Baldwin Park, Calif. And Lloyd Pendleton of St. Peters, Mo.; one daughter, Nora Jean
Lambert of Pascagoula, Miss.; one sister, Mrs. Emma Hicks of St. Ann, Mo.; six grandchildren
and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22 at the Stevinson Chapel
in Iberia with Rev. Aldon Veach officiating. Interment was in the Bray’s Cemetery under the
direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were Guy Hicks, Ronald Jones,
Murl French, James Upton, Donald Woody and Herman Shockley.

Unknown Publication, February 1975
**Curtis Cross**, Lilbourn, Mo., formerly of Iberia, Mo., died suddenly Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1975 at a hospital at Sikeston, Mo. He was born Jan 13, 1899 to Mr. and Mrs. Miller Cross of near Iberia. He was married in 1927 to Pearl Barr of Iberia. To this union five children were born: Oleta of Bellville, Ill., Wade and David of St. Louis, Mo., Nora Jean of Tulsa, Okla. And Mary Francis of Houston, Texas.

He was a member of the Church of Christ and a school teacher. He taught in different schools in Miller County before going to South Missouri in late 1930’s. He taught more than 50 years in the state of Missouri.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22 at 2:00 p.m. from the Ponder’s Funeral Chapel, Lilbourn, MO., with interment in Lilbourn Cemetery.

He is survived by wife, Pearl and all five children, seventeen grandchildren, a brother, Frank Cross of Iberia and a brother, Jesse of St. Louis and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

*Unknownn Publication, May 1975*

**Herman P. Skaggs**, age 81 years, of Iberia, Mo. passed away Wednesday, May 28, 1975 at Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City, Mo. where he had been a patient since Tuesday, May 27, 1975. Mr. Skaggs was born September 29, 1893 near Iberia, the son of Gordon and Mary (Ponder) Skaggs. He was united in marriage September 22, 1918 in Iberia, MO. by Squire John Ferguson to Martha Jarrett who survives of the home.

Mr. Skaggs lived all his life in Miller County where he farmed on the family farm until October 1, 1974 when they moved into Iberia. He was also a carpenter and did masonry work. Mr. Skaggs had been a member of the Bray’s Advent Christian Church since a child and had been on the School Board of Rabbithead School.

Preceding him in death were his parents and three brothers, Dode, Jim and Clyde.

Surviving other than his wife, Martha, are one daughter, Mrs. Reba Manes of Springfield, Mo.; three sons, Charles Skaggs and Ellis Skaggs of St. Louis, Mo. and Walter Skaggs of Portland, Oregon; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Morrow of Springfield, Mo.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 30, 1975, at Brays Advent Christian Church with Rev. Aldon Veach officiating. Interment was in the Union Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were Earl Humphrey, Floy Groves, Grant Skaggs, Billy Skaggs, Argus Skaggs and Don Jarrett.

*Unknownn Publication, March 1975*

**Alfro S. Lawson**, age 63 years of Sharon, Wisconsin, passed away Wednesday, March 5, 1975 due to accidental drowning while fishing in Lake Taneycomo near Kimberling City, Mo. Mr. Lawson was born January 13, 1912, in Maries County, Missouri, the son of James N. and Olive Rosetta (Shelton) Lawson. He was married October 13, 1966 in Rockford, Ill. to Marion Chambers who survives of the home.

Mr. Lawson was a graduate of Vienna High School and Missouri University. He served in the Army in World War II. After the service he lived in Chicago, Baltimore and New Orleans where he had been an immigration inspector, a Naturalization Supervisor, an Intelligence Analyst and a teacher for several years in Maries County. Mr. Lawson retired in 1965 and moved to Sharon, Wisconsin in 1969. He was Records Custodian for the First National Bank in Chicago until 1973. Mr. Lawson also was employed by the Missouri State Social Security Commission, a member of the Vienna Masonic Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, the Real Estate Association of McHenry Co., Ill. and the Lions Club in Harvard, Ill.

Surviving other than his wife Marion are one brother, Wayne Lawson of Tuscumbia, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Dale Hinson of Dixon, Mo.; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.
Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 1975 at the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were Richard Lawson, Dean Lawson, Bill Weathers, Tony Mack Shelton, James Duncan and Wayne Vaughn.

Unknown Publication, February 1975

Winston C. Williams, age 50 years of Granite City, Illinois passed away Tuesday, February 18, 1975 at his home. Mr. Williams was born April 12, 1924 in Dixon, Mo. in Pulaski County, the son of Walter and Lila (Lawson) Williams. He had lived for over 25 years in Granite City, Ill. where he was a Chiropractor. Mr. Williams was a member of the Masonic Lodge 877 in Granite City, Ill.

Surviving are four brothers, Howard Williams of Dixon, Mo., Milton Williams of Hartford, Ill., Woodrow Williams of Granite City, Ill. and Earl Williams of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 1975 at Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with Rev. Ray McClary officiating. Interment was in the Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were Ted Williams, John Williams, Orville Pendleton, Leslie Hannah, James Maley and Howard Maley.

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Anna Schell, age 75 years, formerly of St. Elizabeth, passed away Saturday, February 2nd at Milwaukee, Wisc. Mrs. Schell was born November 17, 1893 at St. Elizabeth, the daughter of Frank and Cathryn Ortmeyer Huchtmeyer. On June 10, 1917, she was married to Otto Schell, who survives.

She was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church and the Altar Society.

Surviving with Mr. Schell are two sons, James of Kansas City and Harry of Milwaukee, Wisc.; one sister, Christina Bax of Jefferson City; 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 4 at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Elizabeth with Rev. Ferdinand Bonn officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery. Stevinson Funeral Home of St. Elizabeth was in charge of arrangements.

Unknown Publication, May 1975

Rector Wilson, age 89 years of near Tuscumbia, Mo., passed away Friday May 16, 1975 at the Fulton State Hospital in Fulton, Mo. Mr. Wilson was born July 12, 1885 in Miller County near Tuscumbia, Mo., the son of Owen and Angeline (Snelling) Wilson. He was married September 16, 1906 to Icie Flaugher who survives of the home. Mr. Wilson lived all his life in Miller County near Tuscumbia where he farmed. He was a member of the Mt. View Church of Christ.

Surviving other than his wife, Icie, are two sons, Claude Wilson of Tuscumbia, Mo. and Elvin A. Wilson of Etterville, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Lois Dean Swanson of Sunnyvale, California; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 1975 at the Stevinson Chapel in Iberia with Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Interment was in the Ramsey Cemetery near Tuscumbia under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia. Pallbearers were grandsons.

Unknown Publication, May 1975

Ethel Irwin Lawson, age 84 years of Route 3, Dixon, Mo., passed away Monday, May 19, 1975 at Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City, Mo. Mrs. Lawson was born December 16, 1890, in Miller County near Iberia, Mo., the daughter of William and Laurette (Watkins) Irwin. She was united in marriage on November 26, 1908 near Iberia by Prof. Smith to Isaac Lawson, who survives of the home.
Mrs. Lawson lived in Miller County all her life. She was a member of the Wheeler Christian Church where she had served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years and a former member of the Iberia Congregational Church.

Surviving other than her husband, Isaac, are one daughter, Mrs. Wilma Link of Jefferson City, Mo.; one son, Winston I. Lawson of Dixon, Mo.; one brother, Dr. Ray W. Irwin of Iberia, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Edith I. Moore of Springfield, Mo.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 1975 at the Stevinson Chapel with Rev. Gilbert Shoemaker officiating. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of the Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia, Mo. Pallbearers were Dean Lawson, Larry Link, Bob Perkins, Eugene Wilson, Doug Lawson and Raymond Johnston.