

**Ray L. Leeper**

OTTERVILLE — Ray L. Leeper, 77, Otterville, died at his home at 11:20 a.m. Friday.

He was born in Cedar City, April 9, 1895, the son of Edgar and Lizzie Smith Leeper.

He married Grace Stark, Feb. 16, 1927 in Kansas City. She survives.

He was a farmer and retired mail carrier and had lived in Otterville the last 30 years.

Mr. Leeper was a veteran of World War I and a member of American Legion Post 84, Otterville.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sedalia.

Other survivors include one daughter, Earlene Dunlap, Lynswood, Wash.; three brothers, Otis Leeper, Sedalia; Joe Leeper, Loma Linda, Calif.; and Hershel Leeper, Lebanon, Ore.; six sisters, Mrs. Elsie Dotson, Sedalia; Mrs. Bethel Broderson, Mrs. Eunice Gerhardt and Mrs. Helen Cook, all of Otterville; Mrs. Hazel Brown and Miss Louise Leeper, both of Boulder, Colo.; and two grandsons.

Music was by Mrs. Charles Hassen, soloist, and Mrs. A. C. Peterson, organist.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday at the McLaughlin Funeral Chapel with elder George King officiating.

Pallbearers were Harry Broderson, J. E. Deuschle, Jack Deuschle, Bill Deuschle, Lee Broderson and A. C. Peterson.

Burial was in Greenmore Memorial Gardens, Barnett, Mo.

**Kirtley J. Morris**

FLORENCE — Kirtley J. Morris, 82, died Tuesday afternoon at Bothwell Hospital in Sedalia.

He was born in Morgan County near Versailles, Nov. 27, 1890, son of the late Ed and Ida Stevens Morris. On Jan. 20, 1920, he married Zetta Wagenknecht, who survives, of the home.

He lived all his life in Morgan County and was a member of the Otterville Presbyterian Church.

He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the VFW Post at Otterville.

Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Aubrey Strims Gorda, Versailles.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Otterville Presbyterian Church with the Rev. John Treese officiating.

Burial was in the Otterville IOOF Cemetery.

**Virgil Smith**

OTTERVILLE — Virgil Smith, 57, died Tuesday at his home here.

He was born March 19, 1915, in Pleasant Green, son of the late Robert and Callie Martin Smith. He married Berniece Nelson, July 22, 1944, in Sedalia and she preceded him in death, Feb. 5, 1973.

He was a retired construction worker and lived all his life in the Cooper County area. He was a member of the Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church here and was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include one brother, James Smith, 102 East Johnson, Sedalia; one sister, Mrs. Jeanette Alexander, 208 East Johnson, Sedalia; five nieces and four nephews.

Funeral services was held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thomas E. David officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

**James Oliver Gochenour**

OTTERVILLE — James Oliver Gochenour, 67, died early Thursday morning at the Bothwell Hospital in Sedalia.

He was born Sept. 23, 1905, at Otterville, son of the late Arthur Lee and Ethel Steele Gochenour. On May 9, 1942, he married Emogene Burnett at Warrensburg. She survives, of the home.

He was employed at the Missouri Pacific Railroad Shops for 45 years until his retirement in 1971. He was a member of the Otterville Presbyterian Church and the Otterville Masonic Lodge.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. John Treece officiating.

Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery, Otterville.

**Mrs. Johanna Castle**

ROLLA — Mrs. Johanna Castle, 85, formerly of Otterville, died at the Phelps County Hospital here Sunday evening. She had been residing at Rolla since last October.

She was born at Bahner March 12, 1888, daughter of the late Edward and Alwena Lucke Imhauser. She was married at Sedalia June 10, 1908, to Walter J. Castle. Mr. and Mrs. Castle lived in Sedalia and Smithton during their early married life. They moved to Otterville in 1933. He preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1939.

Mrs. Castle is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Calvin (Gertrude)

Hammack, Rolla; one son, Walter E. Castle, Otterville; two half-sisters, Mrs. Edna Bolton, 400 West Fifth, Sedalia; Mrs. Marguerite Lewis, Los Angeles, Calif.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Sacred Heart Church, Sedalia, at 10 a.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Father Vincent Hoying officiating.

Burial was in the Calvary Cemetery, Sedalia.