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Obituaries

Luckett McNeil Smith

Luckett McNeil Smith, 48, died suddenly June 10th at the Union Electric Company in St. Louis, where he had worked for 25 years.

Mr. Smith was born June 2, 1934 in Blackwell, Oklahoma, son of the late Lois McNeil Smith and Grover Luckett Smith. He graduated from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, with a degree in electrical engineering. He married Frances Jean Douth, June 5, 1955, and she survives at the home. Also surviving are nine children; Mark and Dean Smith, both of Sullivan, David Smith, St. Louis, Marjorie, Christine, Roger, Dale, Judy and Carolyn of the home in Webster Groves.

His funeral was Monday, June 14, at the Gerber Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Hunter officiating. Burial was in the St. Paul Churchyard Webster Groves. He leaves a number of relatives and friends around Otterville and Sedalia.

R. Douglas Billiter Sr.

R. Douglas Billiter Sr., 58, or 5003 N. E. Tarkio Avenue, businessman and former race-car driver, died June 11, at North Kansas City Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Billiter was a race-car driver with George Bennie from 1942 to 1948. He later worked for the Precision-Bilt Parts Co. for 10 years before he retired in 1973. He was a founder and former owner of Douglas Motive Parts.

He was a member of the Evangelistic Center Church, 1024

Truman Road, and the Old Racers, Association.

He was born in Macon, Mo., and had lived in this area most of his life.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Nancy Lee Billiter (The former Nancy Burford) of the home, a son, a daughter, a stepdaughter, two brothers, his mother and four grandchildren.

Services were held at 1:30 at the McGilley Antioch Chapel.

Orville E. Thomas

OTTERVILLE — Orville E. (Bill) Thomas, 65, died at his home here.

He was born Aug. 25, 1916, in Climax Springs, son of Edward and Emmer Kindel Thomas. On May 15, 1937, in Sedalia, he married Laura Mildred Watring, who survives of the home.

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Otterville Lions Club, Odd Fellows and Rebekah, Union 101 Portable and Hoisting Engineers and First Baptist Church of Otterville. He served on the Otterville City Council.

Other survivors include one son, Donald Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla.; two daughters, Joan Page, Sedalia; Jean Rodenberg, Norborne, Mo.; three brothers, Homer Thomas, Sedalia; Lee Thomas, Syracuse; Tom Thomas, Otterville; two sisters, Faye Babbitt

and Ruby Caton, both of Otterville; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Crowder officiating.

Active pallbearers were Charles Thomas, Eddie Thomas, Ronnie Thomas, Lionel Henderson, Sonny Babbitt and Warren Woodall.

Honorary pallbearers Marion Marcum, Gus Marcum, Lee Lewis, Cecil Hite, George Burnett and John May.

Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery in Otterville.

The family received friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Meisenheimer Funeral Home, Otterville.

The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Frances A. Williams

SYRACUSE — Funeral services for Frances A. Williams, 69 of Syracuse, were held at 2:30 p.m. at Syracuse Baptist Church.

Mrs. Williams died Friday May 28, 1982 at Bothwell Hospital.

She was born June 16, 1912, near Otterville, the daughter of Earnest and Clara Maness Wear. On Dec. 12, 1933, in Tipton, she married R.V. Williams. He survives of the home.

A member of the Baptist Church, Mrs. Williams retired eight years ago from Tipton Manufacturing Co. She was active in Senior Citizens and the Busy Bee Club.