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Ida May Burford

Ida May Burford, 95, of Rest Haven Rest Home died June 18, 1985, at the Bothwell Regional Health Center. She was born May 3, 1890, south of Otterville, the daughter of Leonard Cole and Mary Heishman Langdon. She attended the Brick and Otterville Schools. On August 17, 1913, in Tipton, she was married to John Burks Burford, who died January 1, 1978.

Mrs. Burford was a member of the Otterville Presbyterian Church. Survivors include two daughters; Nell Burford, 929 Olsen Drive, Cathrine Watring, 1637 South Carr, Sedalia, one

grandson, Billy Watring, Wichita, Kansas, one granddaughter, Betty Bultemeier, Maplewood, Sedalia, and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Ewing Funeral Home. Rev. John Treece officiating. Pallbearers were; Carl Hahn, Bob Goodson, Thomas Nichols, Wade Burford, John C. Burford, and Burford Jenkins. Burial was in IOOF Cemetery at Otterville, Missouri.

Francis Eubank Morris

Francis Eubank Morris died July 7, 1985 in Denver, Colorado. Francis was born in Otterville, Missouri on October 8, 1913 to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eubank. She lived in Otterville all her growing up years, attending the Otterville Schools through grade and high school.

She received her B.S. Degree from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Missouri. Did graduate work at Denver University and at University of Colorado. After finishing, she taught in LaPlata High School, LaPlata Missouri; Bethlehem Lutheran School in Denver Colorado. She then went in to Library Work, and was Librarian in the Lutheran High School in Denver, Shaw Heights Junior High School and Ranum High School in Westminster, Colorado. She was a North Central Accrediting Member for Colorado Secondary Schools.

She was very active in volunteer work. Was Girl Scout Leader from 1948 to 1958. Did Volunteer Library work at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska; Wasatch Academy, Mount Pleasant, Utah; English Tutor at Colorado State Department of Education for Southeast Asians; served in Catalog Library in Adams County Mental Health Center, and as a Tour Guide at Colorado State Capitol.

She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tri-Sigma Sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Chapter DF, P.E.O.

She is survived by her husband Edward M. Morris. A daughter, Mary Francis, and a son, John E. Morris.

Memorial Services was held July 10th at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Denver.

Leta Merritt

Leta Merritt, 89, Pine Bluff, Ark., formerly of Otterville, died August 27, in Pine Bluff.

She was born in Otterville, daughter of James William and Sallie Luckett Smith. In 1918, she was married to A.R. Merritt, who died in 1976.

Mrs. Merritt was raised and educated in Otterville before moving to Arkansas. She and her husband were well-known for their philanthropy in Arkansas. They were major benefactors of Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pine Bluff. She was also a homemaker and had worked at the Sherrill (Ark.) Bank for many years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff; Pines Chapter 517 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Sherrill Civic Club. In Sherrill, she was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir. She also had served as president of the Pine Bluff District of United Methodist Women.

Survivors include a brother, Leo J. Smith, Otterville; two sisters, Mrs. Logan W. Cary, Oklahoma City; and Ruth Floyd, Phoenix, Ariz.

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