

# Obituaries *Boonville Daily News*

## Zula M. Oerly, 76

Zula M. Oerly, 76, known to friends as "Jan," died Wednesday, April 4, 2001. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Karen Nelson on Saturday, April 7, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Boonville. The family will receive friends on Friday, April 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the William Wood Funeral Home and one hour prior to service at the church. Pallbearers will be Clyde Grissum, Gary Sharp, Bud Kempf, Chris Wilmsmeyer, and Dale Reesman.

Mrs. Oerly was born Dec. 13, 1924, the daughter of Zula and Ben N. Smith Sr. She graduated from Boonville High School and attended Central Methodist College before moving to Kansas City to work for Hallmark Cards. She married Oscar Fred Oerly on Dec. 25, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Oerly recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with their three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild present. For many years Mrs. Oerly was an avid antique dealer. She was the owner of J'antiques in Rocheport, Mo. She had several different shops in the area and participated in numerous antique shows throughout the midstates.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Oerly of Boonville; a daughter Donna of Orlando, Fla.; her son Dennis Oerly of Grey, Tenn.; a daughter Diane of Columbia, Mo.; her sister Margaret Hankewich and brother Ben Smith Jr. both of Boonville.

She was preceded in death by her sister Jean Van Wye and her step brother Arthur Putnam.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the United Church of Christ in Boonville.

## Mason L. Childers, 51

Mason Lee Childers, 51, died Tuesday, April 3, 2001, in Van Buren, Ark. Services were held at Living Worth Baptist Church in Van Buren, Ark. Burial was at the U. S. national Cemetery in Fort Smith Ark. with military honors provided by the North Little Rock Police Dept.

Mr. Childers married Linda Oldham in 1969 and have been together for 30 years. He served in the military for three years, stationed in Lotin, Okla. He worked for Van Buren Police Dept. for 18 years, serving as police chief for six years. During his career in law enforcement he was also affiliated with the Municipal Police Assoc., the 911 board, the Rotary Club, Arkansas Chief Police. He was also a member of Livingworth Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Jack and Betty Childers of Boonville and his mother, Albert Loyd of Fort Smith, Ark.; a daughter Melinda Johnston and a son Mason Childers, both of Van Buren, Ark.; five brothers, Larry Childers, Van Buren, Ark., Jack A. Childers, Kansas City, Mo., Rick Murray, Arlington, Texas, Rodney Murray, Tyler, Texas and Randy Murray, Houston, Texas; two sisters, Sue Lowe, Fort Smith, Ark. and Crystal New, Boonville, Mo. and four grandchildren.