

OBITUARIES FROM "THE MANSFIELD MIRROR"

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(April 21, 1983)

ADAMSON, BERTHA--Services for Bertha Adamson, 89, Lebanon, were at 1 PM, Friday at Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Mansfield with the Revs. R E Helsley and Joe Fulkerson officiating. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery under direction of Bergman-Miller of Mansfield. Mrs. Adamson died at 8:40 AM, Wednesday at Lebanon Care Center after a long illness. Survivors include four sons Lee and Kenneth of Mansfield, Burnis of Lebanon and Dale of Falcon; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

(April 21, 1983)

BAKER, BYRON--Graveside services for Byron Baker, 67, Grand Prairie, Texas were at 11 AM, Monday in Steele Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Don Martin officiating. Burial was under the direction of Wood Funeral Home. Mr. Baker died of natural causes Thursday in Greater Southwest Convalescent Center.

(April 21, 1983)

BARLOW, T C--Services for T C "Jack" Barlow, 63, Hartville, were at 1:30 PM, Friday, April 15, in Lebanon with Lee Frazier officiating. Burial was in Shaddy Cemetery. Mr. Barlow died of natural causes at 11:45 AM, Tuesday at his home. Survivors include his wife, Juanita; one daughter Jackie Willis, Lebanon; one brother Bert, Leach Ville, Arkansas; two sisters Carrie Cook, Carville and Lucille Adams, St. Louis; and four grandsons.

(May 12, 1983)

BLEDSON, RUBY--Services for Ruby C Bledson, 65, Hartville, were at 2 PM, Monday in Bergman-Miller Chapel in Mansfield with the Rev. C C Daniel officiating. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery. Mrs. Bledson died at 5:10 AM, Saturday in Cox Medical Center, Springfield, after a long illness. Survivors include her husband, Homer; daughter Mrs. Ruby Dean Stigall, Hartville; son Larry, Hartville; two sisters Mrs. Claudia Hefner, Springfield and Mrs. Albert Boyer, Hartville; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

(March 24, 1983)

BUCHANAN, CLAUDE--Services for Claude Buchanan, 83, Ava, were at 2 PM, Tuesday in Ava with the Rev. W Noel Scott officiating. Burial was in Denny Cemetery. Mr. Buchanan died at 10:35 PM, Friday at St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield after a long illness. A retired farmer, he had lived in Ava most of his life. He was a member of the Mount Zion Church of God. Survivors include his wife Claudia; son Ivan, Ava; a granddaughter; three great-granddaughters; a brother Ray, Seymour; sister Mrs. Leota Nicholes, Mansfield.

(April 7, 1983)

BOES, ROSE MARIE--Graveside services for Rose Marie Boes, Norwood, were at 2 PM, Saturday in Thomas Cemetery north of Norwood with Kenneth Cady officiating. Mrs. Boes died Thursday night in St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, after a long illness. Survivors include a daughter Catherine Warrick, Rogersville; sister Hazel Bradford, Norwood; and four grandchildren.

(November, 10, 1983)

BRANSTETTER, JULIAN--Services for Julian W Branstetter, 81, Lebanon, were at 1 PM, Friday in Lebanon with the Rev. Charles Tyson officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Hartville. Mr. Branstetter died at 2:15 AM, Wednesday at his home after a long illness. Survivors include his wife, Glandean; son Frank W, Lebanon; daughter Mary Jo Malicoat, Blue Springs; four brothers Charles, Ray and Francis of Mansfield and J L of Springfield; and seven grandchildren.

(November 17, 1983)

BRAZEAL, CHESTER--Services for Chester Brazeal, 69, Lebanon, will be at 2 PM, Thursday (today) in Lebanon with the Rev. Theron McCloud officiating. Burial will be in Mount Rose Memorial Park. Mr. Brazeal died of natural causes at 7:47 AM, Monday at Cox Medical Center. He had been a Sinclair Petroleum distributor in Lebanon since 1957. Survivors include his wife, Helen; two daughters Luanne Guinn, Versailles, and Dianne Waggoner, Lebanon; brother J B, Springfield; sister Sylvia Farnham, Springfield; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association in care of the funeral home or to the White Oak Pond Presbyterian Church.

(June 2, 1983)

BRAZEAL, ROY--Services for Roy T Brazeal, 76, a lifelong resident of Mansfield were at 2 PM, Wednesday at Bergman-Miller Chapel here with the Rev. Wilber Cravens officiating. Burial was in Number Five Cemetery. Mr. Brazeal died at 3:45 PM, Sunday at Mercy Hospital-Tri County here after a long illness. Mr. Brazeal was a retired water superintendent for Mansfield City Utilities. Survivors include his wife Adah; son Scotty, Albuquerque, New Mexico; two brothers Ray and Robert H, of Mansfield; and four grandchildren.

(March 24, 1983)

CARR, ANDREW--Services for Andrew Scott Carr, 14, Route 1, Hartville, were at 10:30

AM, Friday at Wood Funeral Chapel with David Kasterke officiating. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery. The youth died at about 5 PM, Tuesday, March 15, at his home as a result of a gunshot wound. He was a Freshman honor student at Hartville High School. He attended the Jehovah's Witness Church at Marshfield. Survivors include his father Aaron Clay Carr; mother Mrs. Christine Dillingham, Cahokia, Illinois; brother Jason, Hartville; step grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Springfield; paternal grandmother Iva Poppino, Hartville; maternal grandparents Marvin and Mae Pauline Sutherland, St. Louis.

(March 24, 1983)

CARR, PATRICIA--Services for Patricia Louise Carr, 39, Route 1, Hartville, were at 10:30 AM, Friday at Wood Funeral Chapel with David Kasterke officiating. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery in Hartville. Mrs. Carr died about 5 PM, Tuesday, March 15, at her home as the result of a gunshot wound. Mrs. Carr was a graduate of Lancaster Joint Union High School, Lancaster, California and Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield. She spent three years in Madrid, Spain and attended the Jehovah's Witness Church in Marshfield. She was currently teaching in Norwood. Survivors include her husband Aaron Clay Carr; stepson Jason, Hartville; father and stepmother James and Pauline Smith, Springfield; and two sisters Mrs. Margaret Ann Clepper, Springfield and Mrs. Joyce Palmer, Mack Creek.

(May 23, 1983)

CLAXTON, NORA BELL--Services for Nora Bell Claxton, 65, Grovespring, were at 1:30 PM, Tuesday at New Home Free Will Baptist Church in Wright County with the Rev. Bill Jones officiating. Burial was in O'Dell Cemetery. Mrs. Claxton died of natural causes at 3:10 PM, Saturday at Breech Medical Center. Survivors include her husband Owen; two sons Noah, Powell, Ohio and Roger, Marshfield; two daughters Mrs. Algera Simmons, Lebanon and Mrs. Charlotte Weaver, Grovespring; two brothers Finis Delcour, Hartville and Clifford Delcour, Sedalia; two sisters Mrs. Dessie Brown, Lebanon and Mrs. Daisy Ward, Hartville; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to O'Dell or Dorris Cemetery and left at the funeral chapel.

(June 2, 1983)

CLEMONS, BEULAH ANN--Services for Beulah Ann Clemons, 68, Norwood, were at 2 PM, Wednesday at Norwood Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Scott officiating. Burial was in Thomas Cemetery. Mrs. Clemons died Friday at Mercy Hospital-Tri County in Mansfield after a long illness. She was a housewife. Survivors include her husband Johnnie; two brothers Floyd Cole, Norwood and Leonard Cole, Wichita, Kansas; three sister Alma Anderson, Fresno, California, Alva Richardson, Mountain Grove and Flossie Cramer, Norwood.

(May 12, 1983)

CRISP, GIFFEN--Services for Giffen Crisp, 70, Hartville, were at 2 PM, Saturday at Wood Chapel with the Rev. Weaver Hensley and Loy Sorrell officiating. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Crisp died at 10:58 AM, Thursday at Cox Medical Center, Springfield, after a short illness. Survivors include his wife Margie; son Ervin,

Springfield; two brothers Angus, Cabool and Wayne, Mountain Grove; sister Mrs. Dorothy Gaddis, Manes; and four grandchildren.

(March 24, 1983)

DOWNEY, EMMA--Services for Emma Lynul Downey, 13, Route 1, Hartville, were at 10:30 AM, Friday at Wood Funeral Chapel with David Kasterke officiating. A second service was at 9 AM, Saturday at Mount Moriah Funeral Chapel in Kansas City. Burial followed in Mount Moriah Cemetery. The girl died about 5 PM, Tuesday at her home as the result of a gunshot wound. She was a seventh-grade honor student at Hartville Elementary and a flutist with the Junior High band. She recently won the essay contest in the seventh-grade division on Harvest Day in Hartville. She attended the Jehovah's Witness Church in Marshfield. Survivors include her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downey, Grandview; her stepfather, Aaron Clay Carr, Hartville; her stepbrother, Jason Carr, Hartville; her step grandmother, Mrs. Iva Poppino, Hartville; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Smith, Springfield; her great-grandfather, James A. Billingsley, Whitwell, Tennessee; her step grandmother, Mrs. Genevieve Ellis, St. Joseph; and her step grandfather, William Ellis, Oregon.

(March 24, 1983)

EDWARDS, REBECCA ANN--Funeral services for Rebecca Ann Edwards, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A (Ruth Ann Wampler) Edwards of Norman, Oklahoma were held at 2:30 PM, March 16, with graveside services at 2:30 PM, March 17, in Orange County Cemetery near Santa Ana, California. The child died about 4 PM, Monday, March 14, by drowning. Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Rachelle and Tobynne; three brothers, Ryan, Rustin and Randal of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards of Dallas, Texas and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Edwards of Santa Ana, California, and Mrs. Maude Letsinger of Mansfield; and several uncles, aunts and cousins. Mansfieldians attending the services in Norman were Mr. and Mrs. K C Findley, Mrs. and Mrs. Charley Krider, Mrs. Bobby Dale Dixon and Mrs. Letsinger.

(March 31, 1983)

FARR, WILBUR--Services for Wilbur Farr, 28, Norwood were at 2 PM, Tuesday in Mountain Grove with the Rev. Ronald Turner officiating. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery near Norwood. Mr. Farr died Saturday night in Texas County Hospital after a short illness. He was an Army veteran and a lifelong resident of the Norwood area. Survivors include his mother, Etta Farr, Norwood; three brothers Bill, Villa Park, California, Ken, Norwood, and Robert, Clever; four sisters Mary Owens and Geraldine Taber, Springfield, Hazel Dotson, Norwood, and Louise Oliver, Mountain Grove.

(May 12, 1983)

GOODMAN, CHALMER--Services for Chalmer F. Goodman, 42, Muldrow, Oklahoma formerly of Norwood, were at 2 PM, Thursday, May 5, at Oak Forest Church in Douglas County with the Rev. Robert V Scott officiating. Burial was in Oak Forest Cemetery. Mr. Goodman was shot to death at 1:30 AM, Monday at his home by an unknown assailant. His death is under investigation. Mr. Goodman worked as a brakeman for the Missouri

Pacific Railroad. Survivors include his wife, Claria; three sons Kirk Goodman, Kansas City, and Christopher Baker and Chaparral Goodman of the home; five daughters Dana, Stacey and Sonya Goodman of Van Buren, Arkansas, Sheila Goodman, Kansas City, and Cynthia Baker of the home; two sisters Diane Cooley and Patsy Bradshaw of Norwood; one brother Kenneth, Norwood.

(April 7, 1983)

GREENWOOD, COZELLA--Services for Cozella E Greenwood, 83, Macomb, were at 2 PM, Monday in Corinth Baptist Church with the Revs. M Christy Oetting and Herb Mathews officiating. Burial was in Mansfield Cemetery under the direction of Bergman-Miller of Mansfield. Mrs. Greenwood died at 3:45 PM, Friday at Mercy Hospital-Tri County in Mansfield after a short illness. She was a longtime Macomb resident. Survivors include a son, Floyd, Macomb; a daughter, Ella Stewart, Macomb; a sister, Lolella Oetting, Macomb; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

(March 24, 1983)

HICKMAN, WAYNE--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rippee and Mrs. Ruth Hickman received word of the death of their brother-in-law, Wayne Hickman of Shoshone, Idaho, March 9. A former Wright County resident, he taught schools in this area. He was born May 31, 1905. He was married October 30, 1933 to Irene Rippee who preceded him in death January 12, 1979. They went to Idaho in 1938 and worked around Shoshone where they made their home. Attending the funeral services were a brother, Kermit Hickman of Crocker, and a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hickman of Independence. He is survived by other nieces and nephews, cousins and two brothers and sister-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rippee of Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rippee of Lakewood, California.

(December 22, 1983)

IPOCK, MOSE--Services for Mose E. Ipock, 87, Mansfield, were at 10 AM, Tuesday in the Bergman-Miller Chapel in Mansfield with the Rev. Wilbur Cravens officiating. Burial was in Number Five Cemetery in Wright County. Mr. Ipock died at his home Saturday after a short illness. Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Louis Corder, Mansfield, Mrs. Norma Bledsoe, Kansas City, Mrs. Eva Mays, Seymour, Mrs. Esta Moody and Mrs. Freda Crane, Mansfield; one brother, Walter Ipock, Seymour; one sister Nellie Stogsdill, Springfield; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

(December 29, 1983)

KEELING, JOHN S--John S Keeling, 89, of Exeter, California died there December 23. He was born in Arkansas but lived many years in the Mansfield area and went to California in 1944. He had 86 descendants. Three sons Virgil of Terra Bella, California, Leo and Claude of Exeter, California; three daughters Dorothy Miller of Farmersville, California and Pearl Walker and May Grim of Exeter, California; nineteen grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

(December 29, 1983)

LEWIS, HELEN--Services for Helen C Lewis, Route 2, Norwood, were at 2 PM, Thursday, December 22 at Simmons Chapel, Ava, with the Rev. Tom Johnson

officiating. Burial was in Souder Cemetery. Mrs. Lewis died at 2:40 PM, Monday at Texas County Memorial Hospital, Houston, after a long illness. A housewife, she attended Evansdale Church. Survivors include one daughter, Theresa Brown, Norwood; one brother, Richard LaFevre, West Burlington, Iowa; and two grandchildren.

(May 19, 1983)

LINDER, JERLINE--Services for Jerline Linder, 59, Route 2, Norwood, were at 2 PM, Saturday in Ava with the Rev. Robert Grisham officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Home Cemetery, Drury. Mrs. Linder died Thursday, May 12, in St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, after a long illness. She was a housewife and a member of the Full Gospel Church at Skyline. Survivors include her husband, Arthur; nine daughters; Mrs. Joyce Dobbs, Mrs. Dennie Murray and Mrs. Tangala White of Norwood, Mrs. Wynona Weaver, Davenport, Iowa, Mrs. Carol Hunter, Springfield, Mrs. Lee Jones, Muscatine, Iowa, Mrs. Billie Hayes, Stockton, Iowa, Mrs. Edna Mae Schult, Wilton, Iowa and Mrs. Shawanna Gisler, Cabool; 25 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters Mrs. Edna Linder, Ava and Mrs. Wanda Combs, Salinas, California; four half-sisters Irene Dexter, Mountain Grove, Roseline Clinton, Hartshorn, Erma Turpin, Lebanon, Oregon and Phyllis Barnum, Davenport, Iowa; and three half-brothers Preston Clinton, Mountain Grove, George Clinton, Willow Springs and Don Dobbs, Buffalo, Iowa.

(May 12, 1983)

MILLER, EUGENE--Services for LTC Eugene G Miller, 51, Mountain Grove, were at 10:30 Monday in Mountain Grove with Chaplain Roger Wight officiating. Graveside military rites were in Springfield National Cemetery. Mr. Miller died early Saturday in General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital after a short illness. He was a retired Army pilot who had served two tours in Vietnam. He was a member of the American Legion. Survivors include his wife, JoJeannine; a son Matthew, Lubbock, Texas; a daughter Leslie, Muskogee, Oklahoma; three stepsons Herbert Roy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Travis and Ed Roy of Lawton, Oklahoma; his mother Mrs. Teressa Miller, Litchfield, Michigan; two brothers Doug, Saginaw, Michigan and Alton, Litchfield, Michigan; and five grandchildren. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. George Cramer of Norwood.

(March 24, 1983)

MOORE, VICKI LYNN--Services for Vicki Lynn Moore, 27, Route 2, Hartville, were at 2 PM, Wednesday in Mansfield Full Gospel Church with the Rev. Ronnie Baker officiating. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery under direction of Wood Funeral Home. Mrs. Moore was killed Saturday when the car she was driving slammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 44 just east of Lebanon. Her husband and daughter suffered head injuries in the accident. Mrs. Moore was a lifelong resident of Hartville. She and her husband owned and operated the M-M Beauty Supply Company. Survivors include her husband Dennis Daniel "Danny"; a daughter Emily L, of the home; two sons Jason D and Adam C, of the home; her parents Mrs. and Mrs. Jim Snavelly, Hartville; her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Quessenberry, Republic; grandfather Joe A Snavelly, Norwood; three brothers Dennis Snavelly, Republic, Kevin Snavelly, Mansfield and Jeffrey Snavelly, Hartville; one sister Miss Trace Snavelly, Hartville.

(March 31, 1983)

MURRELL, VAN--Van Murrell, 70, Springfield, died at 1:45 PM, Friday in Cox Medical Center after a short illness. Mr. Murrell was a retired manager of Municipal Power Company in Houston and Waynesville. A World War II Army Air Force veteran, he was a member of Second Baptist Church, Host Lions Club and Cox Medical Center Auxiliary. He was also a member of the Joppa Masonic Lodge in Hartville. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; daughter Mrs. Estelle Mathis, Mountain Grove; sister Mrs. Merle Mitchell, Houston, Texas; and a granddaughter. Services were at 10 AM, Monday in Greenlawn North Chapel with the Rev. Bill Spindler officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

(December 29, 1983)

OLIVER, GERTIE--Mrs. Gertie Oliver of Hartville, who would have been 93 on Jan. 27, died at 7 AM, Monday morning as she was being transported by ambulance to a hospital. Survivors are three sons Burnis and Bert of Hartville and Berlin of Hillsboro; a daughter Juanita Hansford of Odessa Texas; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Wood Funeral Home will announce arrangements.

(June 2, 1983)

SHORES, ALVA--Services for Alva Shores, 84, Norwood, were at 1 PM, Tuesday in Mountain Grove with the Revs. R E Helsley and Loy Reed officiating. Burial was in Retherford Cemetery. Mrs. Shores died Saturday in her home after a long illness. Survivors include a son B J, Rogersville; three daughters Zelma Owens, Mountain Grove, Rebecca Herrera, Kansas City, and Genieve Abel, Dallas, Texas; four sisters Rudy Roal, Burbank, California, Nellie Purtle, Lindsay, California, Maye Babb, Tulare, California, and Ruth Baxley, Grass Valley, California; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Retherford Cemetery in care of the funeral home.

(April 21, 1983)

SHORT, GORMAN—Gorman E Short, 68, died April 18, in St. John's Hospital following surgery. Services will be held at 1:30 PM, today (Thursday) in Mansfield First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dic Bishop officiating. Burial will be in Mansfield Cemetery under direction of Bergman-Miller. Survivors are his wife Vesta, of the home; three daughters Ann Turner of Springfield, Jan Manville of Strafford and Nancy Krider of Mansfield; a brother Morris, of Mansfield; a sister Neva Jane Feather of Aurora, Colorado; and eight grandchildren. As Mayor of Mansfield, Short was credited with a leading role in revitalizing the community by attracting government grants for new industry, a municipal swimming pool, recreational park, and the municipal airport. Mr. Short was retired manager of Breakstone Sugar Creek Foods. Offices he held during his lifetime include: President of the Missouri Butter and Cheese Institute; Member and President of the R-IV School Board; Director of the American Dairy Association; Member of the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church; Co-founder and Past Chairman of the Board of Mercy Hospital-Tri County; Member of the Mansfield Industrial Development Corporation; President of the Wright County Fair Association; President of the Lions

Club; Co-founder and Chairman of Mansfield Butter Day; and Board member of the Mansfield Housing Authority.

(May 19, 1983)

SIPES, VICTOR--Services for Victor Sipes, 61, Ava, were at 2 PM, Wednesday at Ava with the Rev. Phil Appling officiating. Burial with military rites conducted by the Honor Guard from Wightman Air Force Base in Knob Knoster were in Sweden Cemetery. Mr. Sipes died at 5:15 AM, Monday at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Poplar Bluff after a short illness. Mr. Sipes retired from the Air Force as a senior master sergeant. He had lived in Ava since 1971, having moved here from Pryor, Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, Ida, an employee of Mercy Hospital Tri-County in Mansfield; a son Charles, Lee's Summit.

(March 24, 1983)

SPIVA, COREY JOSEPH--Graveside services for Corey Joseph Spiva, 15 months old, Mountain Grove were at 10 AM, Friday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Reg Kelly officiating. The child died in an accident at his home Wednesday. Survivors include his parents Johnny and Charlotte; a sister Hillary, of the home; his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Spiva and Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker, Mountain Grove; his great-grandmothers Mrs. Frankie Walker and Mrs. Zona Hightower, Ava.

(November 10, 1983)

STAFFORD, EMMA--Funeral services were held November 4 in Mountain Home, Arkansas for Mrs. Emma Stafford, 79, who died November 2 in a Mountain Home hospital. Survivors are her husband, Rube; a son Bob of Mountain Home; two grandsons and four great-granddaughters; two sisters Mrs. Lennie McNeal of Mansfield and Mrs. Georgia Johnson of Orville, California; a brother Hubie Collins of Kansas City. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery near Mountain Home. Mrs. McNeal accompanied her daughter Mrs. Monroe Pool and Mr. Pool of Seymour to the services.

(March 24, 1983)

TAYLOR, NORMA R--Services for Norma R Taylor, 43, Willow Springs, were held at 1 PM, Friday in the Willow Springs Church of Christ with Lynn Hixon officiating. Burial was in Mansfield Cemetery at 3 PM. Mrs. Taylor died Wednesday in St. Francis Hospital, Mountain View, after apparently suffering a heart attack. Survivors include her husband Warren; a daughter Miss Cindy Taylor, Springfield; a son Darren of the home; her father Ralph Cooper, Mansfield; a sister Mrs. Della Staudt, West Plains; two brothers Clifford Cooper, Mansfield and Bill Cooper, Independence.

(April 21, 1983)

TURNER, JOHNNY--Services for Johnny Eugene Turner, 60, Route 5, Ava, were at 1 PM, Saturday in Ava with the Rev. Dewayne Borders officiating. Burial with military rites was in Dobbs Cemetery. Mr. Turner died at 10:40 AM, Thursday, April 14, at St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, after a long illness. He was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors include his mother Vergie Spurlock, Ava; two daughters Mrs. Glenda Miller and Mrs. Evelyn Merriett, of Route 5, Ava; two stepbrothers Howard Spurlock,

Springfield and Norman Spurlock, Hooper, Nebraska; two half-brothers Amos Turner, Sheldon and Robert Spurlock, Columbia; six half-sisters Mrs. Geraldine DeGase, Squires, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson and Mrs. Bobbie Gillespie, both of Ava, Mrs. Elsie Coy, Mansfield, Mrs. Lena Saye Ford, Chatsworth, California and Mrs. Norma Rymer, Cocoa, Florida; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

(May 23, 1983)

WHEELER, MAUDE--Services for Maude Wheeler, 92, Hartville, were at 2 PM, Saturday at Wood Chapel. Burial was in Hensley Cemetery near Mansfield. Mrs. Wheeler died at 6:10 PM, Thursday, May 19, at her home after a brief illness. She was a long time resident of Hartville. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Louise Moore, Blue Eye; a son Cleo of the home; a brother Everett Bradley, Little Rock, Arkansas; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

(December 29, 1983)

WHITSITT, GLEN--Glen Whitsitt, a Mansfield resident, died December 18 in Zapata, Texas, where he and Mrs. Whitsitt were spending the winter months. Funeral services were held at 2:30 PM, Wednesday, December 21 at the First Baptist Church in Zapata. Survivors are his wife Laura; a son Bob of California; two daughters also of California and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Jack (Vickie) Dennis of Cincinnati, Ohio who flew out for services; four grandchildren and a sister who lives in Bakersfield, California.

(December 22, 1983)

WILLIS, IDA ALICE--Funeral services were held November 13 for Ida Alice Willis, 94, of Hemet, California. She would have been 95 next April. Mrs. Willis, who died Nov. 11, was the widow of the late Mose Willis, former Macomb resident. Surviving are five sons Joe, Wayne and Ray of the state of California; James of Kansas and Rev. Carl Willis of Ava; five daughters Lillie and Alpha Jean of California, Dorothy and Roberta of Michigan and Mrs. Paul (Gladys) Johnston of Ava.

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