**William S. “Bill” Seil, Aug. 17, 1920 - June 21, 1987**

William S. “Bill” Seil, 66, Grayville, died at 3:45 a.m. Sunday, June 21, 1987, at his home. He was the owner, editor, and publisher of the Grayville Mercury-Independent. Mr. Seil was born Aug. 17, 1920, at Grayville, the son of Noland B. and Margaret Schrontz Seil, and was married Aug. 6, 1945, in Stuttgart, AR, to Mary Mungovan. He was a veteran of WWII, having served as a fighter pilot in North Africa and Italy. He had been Grayville’s fire chief for 37 years and was a member of the Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity, Grayville Moose Lodge 1960, James M. Helm American Legion Post 696, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3851, and Elks lodge at Mt. Carmel.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two sons, John William Seil, Petaluma, CA, and Patrick J. Seil, Grayville; a daughter, Mrs. Len (Donna) Wells, Grayville; and six grandchildren. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Sturm Funeral home in Grayville. Burial will follow in Oak Grove cemetery, with military rites by the Helm Post. Friends may call from 5-8 this evening (Monday) at the funeral home.

**George H[arlan] Ames, Oct. 14, 1911 - June 28, 1987**

George H. Ames, of Evansville, IN, brother of the late Douglas J. Ames Sr. of Carmi, died in Deaconess Hospital Sunday, June 28. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a sister, Alyne Sanders of Fresno, CA; two nieces, whom he and his wife raised, Mary Jane Schaefer of New Jersey and Heidi Koch of Georgia; and several other nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Kriekhaus-Sanson Funeral Home in Evansville. Services will be conducted at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

**Hallie E. Downs, July 28, 1900 - June 28, 1987**

Hallie E. Downs, 86, of Grayville, died at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 28, 1987, at Carmi Township Hospital. She was born in Hatfield, IN, July 28, 1900, and was married to Clyde Downs, who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Grayville First Baptist church.

Surviving are four sons, Melvin, Robert, and William Downs of Grayville, and James Downs of Burnt Prairie; two daughters, Pauline Eaton of Grayville and Juanita Melvin of Toledo, OH; 28 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at Sturm Funeral home in Grayville with burial at Liberty Cemetery near Burnt Prairie. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

**Mary T. Wells, June 17, 1917 - June 29, 1987**

Mary T. Wells, 70, of Carmi, died at 4:40 p.m. Monday, June 29, 1987, at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Evansville, IN. Born June 17, 1917, in Butler County, KY, she was the daughter of Thomas and Jewel LaMastus Neighbors, and had retired from employment as a nurse’s aide at Carmi Township Hospital.

Surviving are three sons, Steven of Mt. Vernon, IN, Keith of Marion, and Len of Grayville; two half-brothers, Earl LaMastus of House Springs, MO, and Sam LaMastus; and six grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Donald Campbell Funeral Home of Carmi and with Father Ken Shaefer officiating. Graveside memorial services will be at 2 p.m.

Thursday at Cook's Cemetery in Morgantown, KY. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

**Louis E. Yates, July 31, 1921 - June 29, 1987**

Former Carmi resident Louis E. Yates, 65, of St. Petersburg, FL, died Monday morning at Humana Hospital-North in St. Petersburg following a heart attack Sunday evening. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Iona Madigan of Tampa, FL; a son, Louis G. Yates of St. Petersburg; three grandchildren; a brother, Raymond Yates of Carmi; a sister, Mrs. Willard T. (Bobbye) Trout of Carmi. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lizzie Yates; three brothers, Winfield, Earl, and Goldie Yates.

Funeral services will be at Anderson and McQueen Funeral Home in St. Petersburg Friday morning with interment at the Memorial Garden Mausoleum in St. Petersburg.