Richard Burnett "Dick" Collard, Aug. 10, 1934 - Jan. 1, 2004

Grayville resident Richard Burnett "Dick" Collard died Jan. 1, 2004, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with Glen Coram officiating. Musical selections included "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace." Casketbearers were David Koons, John Garner, Sid Gross, Clarence Gross, Jr., John Roberts, and Dennis Roberts. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

He was born Aug. 10, 1934, in Ridgway, the son of Will and Ethel (Roman) Collard. On Nov. 15, 1972, he married Lucy Gross, who survives. Dick worked construction in the Grayville area oilfields and mines. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed playing his guitar and gardening. Survivors include his wife, Lucy, of Grayville; two sons, Richard B. Collard, Jr., of Hartsburg, and John Farmer, of Grayville; one daughter, Pat Daughterty of Lincoln; one brother, William Collard of Florida; one sister, Martha Dorris of Grayville; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by one brother, Charles Collard.

Robert F. Kercher, Jan. 14, 1919 - Jan. 4, 2004

Robert F. Kercher, 84, of Russell, KS, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at the Russell Regional Hospital. He was cremated and a memorial service was held Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at 1 p.m. at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. today (Wednesday), Jan. 14, 2004, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Evansville. A memorial Mass will also be celebrated at 7 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 4, 2004, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria, KS.

He was born Jan. 14, 1919, in Vanderburgh County near Evansville, IN, the son of John F. and Catherine O. (Beckerle) Kercher. He grew up in Evansville; attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School; graduated from Reitz Memorial Catholic High School in Evansville in 1936 and was named to the All City and All State Football Teams. He attended Scarborough Prep School in New York and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he played varsity football. He later played professional football for the New Jersey Patterson Panthers, the Wilmington, DE, Clippers, Philadelphia Eagles and the Green Bay Packers.

He married Marjorie L. Schaich on Jan. 6, 1942. They shared nearly 60 years of married life together before her death on Nov. 23, 2001. Bob worked in the oilfield supply business in Colorado, Wyoming, and Oklahoma before settling in Russell, KS, where he worked for Bovaird Oil Field Supply and LoMar Bowling Supply. An avid golfer, he managed and served as golf pro at the Russell Municipal Golf Course for several years.

He is survived by seven sisters, Esther Frasher of Bucyrus, OH, Ruth Hillenbrand of Evansville, Jeanne and husband, Harold, Guetling, Eileen and husband, Paul, Weinzapfel, Marian and husband, Herman, Seibert, all of Evansville, Sister Mary Victor Kercher, O.S.B. of Monastery of Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, IN, Charlotte and husband, Andrew, Zurba of Clearwater, FL; and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving are brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Percy and Marcella Dobbs, of Grayville; their daughters, Pam Fulford and Marty McCall, of Florida; and caregiver, Sylvia Heffel, of Dorrance, KS. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and two brothers, Lawrence Kercher and Victor Kercher.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann's Catholic Church of Walker, KS, Monastery Immaculate Conception of Ferdinand, IN, or St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Evansville, IN, and may be sent in care of Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 N. Maple St., Russell, KS 67665 or Cook Funeral Chapel, PO Box 99, Grayville, IL 62844. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of IL arrangements.

Francis Leon Bump, Nov. 9, 1922 - Jan. 11, 2004

Grayville native Francis Leon Bump, 81, of Bement, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Bement Health Care Center. Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at Mackey-Wright Funeral Home in Monticello. A private graveside service is planned for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Oak Grove cemetery in Grayville. Visitation is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Mackey-Wright Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 9, 1922, at Grayville, the son of Henry and Grace (Douglas) Bump. He was married Dec. 16, 1940, at Grayville to Helen Marie Williams. He was a retired electrician for the Union 76 Oil Company and was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII. He was a charter member of the American Legion.

Surviving are two sons, David Bump of El Dorado, KS, and Douglas Bump of Wichita, KS; four grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two brothers, and a sister. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Mackey-Wright Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Zylpha Mae Holliday, June 16, 1914 - Dec. 29, 2003

Former Grayville resident Zylpha Mae Holliday, 89, of Peoria, died at 5:35 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at the Sharon Elms Nursing Home in Peoria. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at the Woolsey-Wilton Funeral Home in Peoria. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery at Grayville.

She was born June 16, 1914, in Cloud Chief, OK, to Luther B. and Edna Keeter Douglas. She was married April 13, 1935, in Perry, OK, to Percy Hudson Holliday, who preceded her in death on Oct. 29, 1982, in Grayville. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Grayville, and was a former treasurer of the church. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Marlyn Holliday, of Peoria; a grandson, Stephen Holliday and wife, Luz Maria, of Goodyear, AZ; a great-grandson, Alex Holliday; and a sister, Beatrice Sherry, of Tulsa, OK. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a son, Gary Holliday. Memorials may be made to the March of Dimes or the American Diabetes Association.

Armine Rotramel, Feb. 22, 1916 - Jan. 12, 2004

Armine Rotramel, 87, of Browns died at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Ingram Funeral Home in Albion, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 15 from 11 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 22, 1916, in Grayville, the son of Lloyd and Kate (Johnson) Rotramel. He married Janice Berry on Dec. 20, 1941. She survives. He was a lifelong farmer, was on the soil and water conservation board and was a member of the Farm Bureau and the Browns Christian Church. Survivors include his wife, Janice; one daughter, Elizabeth and husband, Jack, Ellen of Albion; two sons, Armine and wife, Marilyn, Rotramel Jr., and Doug and wife, Margaret, Rotramel, both of Browns; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and one brother.

Edmond E. York, Sept. 24, 1917 - Jan. 13, 2004

Grayville resident Edmond E. York, 86, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel. Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at 10 a.m. at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with Bill Minor officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

He was born Sept. 24, 1917, in Crossville, the son of Felix and Amy (Thompson) York. On Mar. 11, 1939, he married Rosetta Mobley, and she survives. Edmond was active his entire working career in various phases of oil production in the Grayville area. He was a decorated WWII Army veteran and a member of the VFW and American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Rosetta; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Janet York; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert E. Thelma York, all of Grayville; four grandchildren, Billy Edmond York, Fawnda Lorene Wineberger, Mark Edward York, JaVan Cook; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by both parents.

Margaret R. Scott, Jan. 18, 1941 - Jan. 18, 2004

Grayville resident Margaret R. Scott, 63, died Jan. 18, 2004, at Mattoon Healthcare in Mattoon. She was born Jan. 18, 1941, in Mt. Carmel, the daughter of Clifford and Mary Cox. She was a retired cook. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Survivors include four sons, Larry Bullard, Gary Bullard, Mike Moutray, and Roy Cowles; one daughter, Donna Holley; seven grandchildren, Mary, Marie, Mikie, Felicia, Dorian, Tacy Jean, and Anthony; and one great-grandchild, Cloy Lucille.

Robert “Bob” John Maienshein, Apr. 2, 1932 - Jan. 31, 2004

Grayville resident, Robert “Bob” John Maienshein, 71, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel. Funeral services and visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. and continues until funeral time at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

He was born April 2, 1932, in Evansville, IN, the son of Otto and Elfrieda (Voelkel) Maienschein. He was a United States Air Force Veteran and served during the Korean War. He was married for 13 years to the former Mrs. Sue Maienschein, who is now Mrs. Sue Harp. Robert worked at several different types of employment, including over-the-road truck driving and as a draftsman on the tool and die industry. After his retirement from B&D Mold in 1994, he kept

active and enjoyed living in Grayville. He took great pride in maintaining his homes, his relationships with those he loved, and late, the day-to-day care and health to two very fortunate cats.

Bob Maienshein will be deeply missed in the heart and lives of his brother, Charles F. Maienschein,, of Henderson, KY, and his sister, Dorothea E. Childs, of Evansville. Although he had no children of his own, Bob was always an inspiration and source of guidance to his nephews and nieces. He always had a genuine interest in their lives, as well as the honest concern any wonderful father would have. He forever touched the lives of, Cheryl (Childs) Coburn, of Salina, KS, Robert and Lia (Oldham) Childs, Thomas R. Childs, and Elizabeth (Childs) Embry, all of Evansville. Eleven great-nieces and nephews and five great-great nieces and nephews also survive. Bob was also blessed to have a second loving 'family'. Sharing memories are the friends and family of his equally inspiring companion, the late Minnie Weaver, Kay Williams, Pat Linder, Marge Onyett, Dolous Osborn, Shirley Bunting, Lester Reynolds, Roger Reynolds, Don Reynolds, and Paul Pruitt. His parents, his brother, Arthur S. Maienschein, and his brother-in-law, Barry R. Childs, precede him in death. An extremely close friend, Minnie Weaver, who became his constant companion until she passed away in 1999, also precedes him in death.

Margaret Elizabeth Reid, July 23, 1915 - Feb. 1, 2004

Margaret Elizabeth Reid, 88, of Fairfield, formerly of Bone Gap, died at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Way-Fair Restorium in Fairfield. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Bone Gap Christian Church in Bone Gap. Bro Mark Morecraft and Br. Mark Searby will officiate, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church. The Searby Funeral Home in DuQuoin is in charge of arrangements.

She was born July 23, 1915, in Browns, the daughter of August and Edna A. (Crackel) Hering. She married Albert Reid on June 23, 1934, in Albion. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 2003. She was a homemaker and had worked for the Edwards County Sheriff and Collectors Office for eight years. She was a member of the Bone Gap Christian Church, Pollyana Club, Kitchens Bridge Club, and Home Bureau. She was a 4-H leader, worked with crafts at the church, was active in the Carmi Christian Retirement Home, and sent many cards to shut-ins.

Survivors include one daughter, Clara Ann Roberts and husband, Tom, of Illiopolis; one son, Clarence "Al" Reid and wife, Carolyn, of Prattville, AL; four brothers, Robert Hering of Bone Gap, Howard Hering of Mt. Carmel, James Hering of Albion, and Earl Hering of Mt. Meyers, FL; three sisters, Helen Hott of St. Petersburg, FL, Emma Searby of Tamaroa, and Wilma Newport of Biloxi, MS; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Charles Ray Reid; and two brothers, Charles Hering and Lawrence Henry Hering. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pine Haven Christian Children's Ranch, PO Box 940, St. Ignatius, MT 59865-0940 or the Bone Gap Christian Church, and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Whitlee Grace Hout, Jan. 28, 2004

Infant twins, William Everett Hout and Whitlee Grace Hout, were born premature to Scott and Tiffanie Hout of Grayville, at Deaconess Women's Hospital in Evansville, IN, on Jan. 28, 2004.

The 20-week infants died shortly after birth. A private family funeral service was at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville, Glenn Coram officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. In addition to their parents, Scott and Tiffanie Hout, they are survived by a sister, Kaylea Raye Hout of Grayville; paternal grandfather, Jerre Hout of Olney; maternal grandparents, Ray and Diana Cowling of Grayville. Their maternal grandmother, Donna Kay Hout preceded them in death.

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Alford B. Owen, July 31, 1916 - Feb. 5, 2004

Alford B. Owen, 87, formerly of Grayville, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Gibson General Hospital in Princeton, IN. He was born July 31, 1916, in Grayville, the son of Franklin and Carrie Owen. His wife, Mary Magdalene Owen, preceded him in death in 1979. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville, William Minor officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Alford was a truck driver, factory worker, and oilfield worker. He was a WWII Navy veteran.

Survivors include one son, Lawrence Edward Owen of Aurora; two daughters, Mary Thompson of Aurora, Sherry Wardrip of Carmi; six grandchildren, Stephanie Owen, Larry Owen, Steven Thompson, Kimberly Coffey, Billy Owen, and Barry Gene Owen; five great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Coffey, Courtney Olson, Lexey Owen, William Owen, Jr., and Joshua Owen. In addition to his wife and parents, three brothers, Chet, Leland, and Manning Owen, precede him in death.

Dora Louis Reid Fieber, Dec. 6, 1916 - Mar. 6, 2004

Dora Louis Reid Fieber, 87, of Miami, FL, died Saturday, Mar. 6, 2004, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 13, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Grayville. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church. She was born Dec. 6, 1916, in Edwards County, the daughter of Joel Joseph and Lucille (Fewkes) Reid. She married Virgil Cowling Fieber of May 1, 1934; he preceded her in death, as did an infant son, Herman Lee Fieber.

She was a realtor and a prolific writer, having authored numerous books on lineage. She was a member of the Olive Congregational Christian Church, a Mayflower descendant, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a Magna Carta Dame, and a member of the northeast Miami Women's Club. She was active in Miami government from the 1950s through the 1970s and was a champion of the beautification of downtown Miami. Survivors include one son, V. Louis (Louie) Fieber of Grayville; three grandchildren, Audrey Roberts of Overland

Park, KS, Sam Fieber of Fairfield, and Lawrence Fieber of Chicago; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by three half-sisters, Emily Shelby, Iva Shephard, and Julia Tribe.

Marshelia Jan Woodward, July 20, 1957 - Mar. 29, 2004

Marshelia Jan Woodward, 46, of Grayville, died at her home Monday, Mar. 29, 2004. She was born July 20, 1957, in Artesia, CA, the daughter of Maurice and Ruth (Coe) Welty. She was married to Walter W. "Bill" Woodward on Feb. 14, 2003, and he survives. Jan was a nurse's aid and a lover of her many dogs, cats, and birds. She also enjoyed fishing.

In addition to her husband, Bill, she is survived by three sons, Dereck Welty and wife, Misty, of Grayville, Jeffery Welty and friend, Amanda Newman, of Carmi, Richard Lee WElty of Fairfield; one brother, Larry Welty of Bonaire, GA; one sister, Marquita Earl and husband, Richard, of Mt. Carmel; nine nieces and nephews, Jeanette Beard, Sonia Parker, Church Martin, Nicole Parker, Lauren Lawson, Jessie Lawson, Gina Lawson, Dakota Parker, and Gavin Martin. She was preceded in death by both her parents. Funeral services will be Thursday, Apr. 1, 2004, at 1 p.m. at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville, Bill Minor officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

William C. "Bud" Marlow, Jan. 3, 1934 - Apr. 3, 2004

Grayville resident, William C. "Bud" Marlow, died Saturday, Apr. 3, 2004, at the Veterans Hospital in Marion. Mr. Marlow's remains were cremated. A memorial service will be Tuesday, Apr. 6, 2004, at 6 p.m. at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. The combined units of the VFW and American Legion of Grayville will conduct military rites. He was born Jan. 3, 1934, in Orrville, IN, the son of William "Chester" and Esther (Tutweiler) Marlow. He worked as a pipe fitter and was a U.S. Navy veteran. Bud was a member of the Grayville Moose Lodge No. 1960, the Sheba Lodge No. 200, A.F. & M and the Grayville American Legion No. 696.

Survivors include a son, Rob Marlow, of Grayville; a granddaughter, Connie Marlow, of Flora; a step-daughter, Debbie Kleinschmidt and husband, Randy; step-son, Danny Bowland and wife, Sherrie; four step-grandchildren, Robert and Selena Bowland, Aaron Kleinschmidt and wife, Dawn, and Andrew Kleinschmidt, all of Grayville; two brothers, Shelly Marlow of Bone Gap and Larry Marlow of Mt. Carmel; and a sister, Bernice Oberly of Wooster, OH.

Patricia L. Smith, June 8, 1951 - June 4, 2004

Grayville resident, Patricia Lee Flanigan Smith, 52, died June 4, 2004, at her home after a long battle with cancer. Her remains were cremated. A gathering of family and friends was held Monday, June 7, 2004, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. She was born June 9, 1951, in Evansville, IN, the daughter of Leroy and Charlotte Flanigan. For many years she was a legal secretary of Jay Walden Law Office in Grayville. She was married to Greg Smith on apr. 14, 1987, and he survives.

In addition to her husband, Greg, she is survived by her father, Leroy Flanigan; a daughter and son-in-law, Krista and David Neff; a brother, Mike Flanigan; a sister and brother-in-law, Charlotte and Leroy Huffine, all of Evansville. She is predeceased by her mother, Charlotte Flanigan.

Steven Wayne Mosbarger, Oct. 25, 1950 - June 14, 2004

Steven Wayne Mosbarger, formerly of Grayville, died June 14, 2004, in Colorado Springs, CO, where he had lived for several years. His remains were cremated and a memorial service was conducted in Colorado. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville with military graveside rites. He was born Oct. 25, 1950, in Princeton, IN, the son of Bob and Minnie (Boling) Mosbarger. He was married to Bonnie (Carter) Mosbarger, and she survives.

Steven was employed by Home Lumber Company in Colorado Springs as an engineer wood designer. He was a member of the Cullen Avenue Christian Church in Evansville, IN, which later became the Crossroads Christian Church. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Survivors include both parents, Bob and Minnie Mosbarger of Grayville; wife, Bonnie Mosbarger, of Colorado Springs; son, Greg Mosbarger; brother, Michael Mosbarger and his wife, Linda, who reside in Alabama. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Oak Grove Cemetery and may be made at Cook Funeral Chapel.

Mildred Irene Bass, July 19, 1921 - June 19, 2004

Mildred Irene Bass, 82, of Charleston, died at 3:35 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation is from 10:30 a.m. to the time of service Saturday at the cemetery. She was born July 19, 1921, in Norris City, the daughter of Charles and Rosa (Nelson) Storey. She married Loren Bass on June 26, 1937, in Jacksonville. He preceded her in death on Dec. 23, 1982.

Survivors include nieces, nephews, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant daughter, Rose Lee; two brothers; and one sister. Memorials may be made to Central Christian Church in Charleston.

Carol J. Lithgow, June 14, 1935 - June 9, 2004

Carol J. Lithgow, 68, of Fayetteville, GA, formerly of Grayville, died June 9, 2004, at the home of her sister, Sharon Burkingstock, in Fayetteville. Carol was born June 14, 1935, to Fred and Dona (Smith) Schoenman, of Grayville. She was preceded in death by her father. Her remains were cremated.

Frances E. Russell, Apr. 26, 1937 - July 13, 2004

Grayville resident Frances E. Russell, 67, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at White County Medical Center Hospital in Carmi. Visitation and funeral services will be Thursday morning, July 15, 2004, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. and continues until funeral time at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

She was born APr. 26, 1937, in Greenville, SC, the daughter of Claude B. and Hope Della (Hammett) Pack. She was married to William Russell, and he preceded her in death. Frances was a factory worker until injuries sustained in an automobile accident in 1959 disabled her. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Donna Russell, of Fountain Inn, SC;

and a granddaughter, Amanda. She is preceded in death by both parents, several brothers, and a sister.

Donita Parks, July 21, 1941 - July 15, 2004

Donita Parks, 62, of Grayville, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with Glenn Coram officiating. Pallbearers were Bill York, Mark York, Jim Sullivan, Billy York, John Wolf, and Scott Hout. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery at Grayville. She was born July 21, 1941, in Grayville, the daughter of Barney and Dorothy (Morton) Parks. She was a homemaker and former sales associate at Lazarus. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Grayville.

Survivors include her father, B.W. "Bud" Parks; one son, Robert and wife, Donna, O'Daniel of Grayville; two daughters, Dana and husband, Kevin, Mills of Newburgh, IN, and Brandi Alldredge of Grayville; and five grandchildren, Beau, Kody, and Dionna O'Daniel and Payton and Chloe Mills. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Parks, and one sister, Diana Jo York.

Paul E. Pruett, Jan. 22, 1937 - July 26, 2004

Paul E. Pruett, 67, Grayville, died at his home July 26, 2004. He was born Jan. 22, 1937, in Humnoke, AR, the son of W.E. and Lillion (Lentz) Pruett. He was a retired carnival worker, an avid fisherman, and a handyman who was willing to help others in any way he could. There are no immediate surviving family members. Mr. Pruett's remains were cremated and there will be no funeral services. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of arrangements.

James E. Bellamy, Apr. 14, 1909 - July 23, 2004

James E. "Ed" Bellamey, 95, of Grayville died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He married Lydia Handley in May 1931. She preceded him in death in August 1996. He had lived in Grayville since 1923, when he moved from Vienna. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

Survivors include three sons, James R. "Jim" and wife, Allis, Bellamey of Indianapolis, IN, Donald Gene and wife, Jannette "Faye", Bellamey of St. Charles, MO, and Robert Wayne and wife, Charlene, Bellamey of Grayville; one daughter, Ellen S. and husband, Mike, Strassman of St. Louis, MO; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one brother, John Bellamey; and one sister, Martha Craw. Memorials may be made to the Grayville Library Fund and will be accepted at the Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Georganna Sturm, Jan. 7, 1928 - Aug. 1, 2004

Grayville resident Georganna Sturm, 76, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services is at 10:30 a.m. today (Wednesday), Aug. 4, 2004, at the Grayville Methodist Church. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Jan. 7, 1928, in Gray Township, White County, the daughter of George and Nomtje (Groff) Fieber. She married Lenard Ray Sturm at the Methodist Church in Grayville on June 17, 1947. She was a graduate of Grayville High School and Lockyear Business College. Georganna was a

homemaker, an active member of the Grayville Methodist Church, and was very active in various volunteer projects in Grayville. She was a room mother at her daughter's school, an avid bridge player, a member of the Eastern Star and the Grayville Women's Club. Many knew Georganna as an excellent cook.

Survivors include her husband, Lenard of Grayville; her daughter and son-in-law, Georgia and Tom Davis of St. Louis, MO; her sister, Mildred Green of Grayville; and her granddaughter, Carey Davis. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Marjorie Fieber. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grayville Methodist Church. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of all arrangements.

Viola Evelyn Heckler, Sept. 1, 1909 - Aug. 19, 2004

Grayville resident Viola Evelyn Heckler, 94, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with Michael Brands officiating. Jerry Crawford played the guitar and sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus/What a Beautiful Day" and "Amazing Grace". Casketbearers were Joe Miller, Matt Stoll, Justin Miller, Kenny Jones, Noel Hasler, and Paul Prulege. Honorary casketbearers were Dale Medlin, Darrell Sexton, and Tom Millar. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

She was born in Richland County, IL, Sept. 1, 1909, the daughter of Joseph and Martha (Allen) Groff. On Sept. 1, 1928, she married her husband of 76 years, Roger Voyle Heckler, and he survives. Viola was a homemaker and member of the First Christian Church of Grayville, the Eastern Star, and Royal Neighbors. Survivors include her husband, Roger Voyle Heckler; her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Ilene Heckler, of Carmi; her daughter and son-in-law, Connie Jo and Joe Miller, of Grayville; four grandchildren, Steven Heckler, Stephanie Stoll, Stacie Miller, and Justin Miller; five great-grandchildren, Forrest Heckler, Audrey Heckler, Tristan Heckler, Landon Stoll, and Loren Stoll. She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Walter Eugene Groff. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either the First Christian Church of Grayville or Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville.

Ronald Edgar Sanders, Feb. 22, 1926 - Aug. 29, 2004

Ronald Edgar Sanders, 78, of Grayville, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. His remains will be cremated and there will be no services. Cook Funeral Chapel of Grayville was in charge of arrangements. He was born at Garnerville on Feb. 22, 1926, to Ras Sanders and Ann (Cox) Browning. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Fairchild) Sanders. He was a self-employed general contractor and a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald L. and Pamela Sanders, and a daughter, Sherry Sanders, all of Grayville; two sisters, Kay Sherfield and Margie Thomas, both of Carmi; four grandchildren, Terry Sanders, Phillip Acord, Wesley Sanders, and Raymond Sanders; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and a step-father, Ewing Browning.

Maryilyn Louise Nickolaus Justice, July 14, 1932 - Sept. 5, 2004

Graveside services will be held in Grayville in the near future for Mrs. Marilyn Louise Justice, 72, the former Marilyn Louise Nickolaus, who died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at 11:10 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette, LA. Interment will be in Grayville.

Survivors include three daughters, Janet Loflin and husband, John, of Ocean Springs, MS, Susan Nosworthy and her husband, Durell, of Youngsville, LA, and Mary McGlynn and her husband, Brien, of Baton Rouge, LA; two sons, Scott Justice and his wife, Crystal, of Morgan City, LA, and Chief PEtty Office Tom Justice and his wife, Dina, of Pensacola, FL; 11 grandchildren, Cameron Loflin, Jacob Nosworthy, Brett Nosworhty, Robert McGlynn, Jennifer McGlynn, Emily McGlynn, Logan McGlynn, Cacie Justice, Jonathan Justice, Earl Justice, and Emily Justice; and one sister, Charlene Henderson of Odin, IN. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Justice, and her parents, Charles and Flossie Robinson Nickolaus. Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Justice was employed as a registered nurse. She was a Presbyterian and a member of the First Christian Church of Grayville. Arrangements have been entrusted to Martin and Castille Funeral Home, Inc. of Lafayette, LA.

Merl Edward Owens, Dec. 13, 1918 - Aug. 29, 2004

Merl Edward Owens, 85, of Carmi, died Sunday morning, Aug. 29, 2004, at White County Medical Center in Carmi. The body was cremated. A memorial service was held Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Dec. 13, 1918, in Arkansas to Aaron and Rosetta (Rogers) Owens. He was married Dec. 19, 1979, to Ellen Mosberger, who survived. He repaired oilfield pumps and was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the VFW at Wadesville, IN, and the First Baptist Church in New Harmony, IN.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Glen and Betty McTaggart, of Crestview, FL; two stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Valinda and Mike Rowe, of Carmi, and Dixie and Paul Hale, of Fenton, MO; six grandchildren; and a nephew and his wife, Jack and Linda Biggs, of Poseyville, IN. He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Eugene P. Tate, Sept. 16, 1917 - Oct. 1, 2004

Eugene P. Tate, 87, of Grayville, died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at Riverpointe Health Campus in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, with full military rites by the combined units of the VFW and American Legion. Bill Minor officiated. Pianist Khristopher Tate performed “Amazing Grace” and recorded music included “Jesus Loves Me”, “Spirit Song” and “I Can Only Imagine”. Casketbearers were C.K. Rahmoeller, Vince Tate, Clay Tate, Tad Horste, Danny Kieffer, and Justin Kieffer. Honorary Casketbearers were Virgil Lee Tate and Willard Tate.

He was born Sept. 16, 1917, in Central City, the son of Dorman and Margaret (Encouge) Tate. He married Dorothy B. Bovinet in 1935. She preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 1989. He was a WWII Navy veteran and attended the First United Methodist Church in Grayville. He was a member of the Easter Star, Masonic Lodge, Moose Lodge, American Legion, VFW, and the Ainad Shrine. For many years, he worked as a machinist at McCoy Machine Shop in Grayville and later was self-employed.

Survivors include one son, Sherrill Tate, of Longview, TX; one daughter, Marcella Tate, of Dallas, TX; two brothers, Virgil Lee Tate, of Gurnee, and Willard Tate, of California; six grandchildren, Chris Foster, Kathy Kieffer, Vince Tate, Clay Tate, Tad Horste, and Erica Jones; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one brother, and three sisters.

Dennis C. Elliott, Jr., Oct. 14, 1926 - Nov. 24, 2004

Dennis C. Elliott, Jr., 78, of Grayville, passed away at 5 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at his residence. He had owned Elliott's Steak House in Evansville, IN, and Elliott's Grocery in Grayville for many years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grayville, Grayville American Legion Post 696, and Carmi VFW Post 3851. He was a US Army Veteran of WWII. Dennis was born Oct. 14, 1926, at Grayville, the son of Dennis C. and Lola "Peg" (Milburn) Elliott, Sr. He married Patricia J. Wray on Dec. 30, 1946, at Grayville and she survives.

He is survived by his wife of Grayville; children, Dennis W. Elliott and wife, Linda, of Mt. Carmel, Philip J. Elliott and wife, Audrey, of Gillette, WY, Benny J. Elliott and wife, Mary, of Grayville, Kathy L. Thompson and husband, Darrel, of Grayville, Cindy D. Elliott of Evansville, IN, Lori A. Wiseman and husband, Marvin, of Browns, Patricia K. Abrams and husband, Mark, of Evansville, IN; two brothers, Steve Elliott of Victorville, CA and Bud Elliott of Grayville; one sister, Suzanne Roosevelt of Albion; fifteen grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at Albion with Rev. Kirk Smith officiating. Interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Grayville. Military graveside rites were conducted by Carmi VFW Post 3851. Friends may make memorials to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. The Searby Funeral Home of Du Quoin is in charge of arrangements.

Harriet Jane Shelton, June 10, 1918 - Dec. 6, 2004

Grayville resident, Harriet Jane Shelton, 86, died Monday morning, Dec. 6, 2004, at Rest Haven Manor in Albion. She was born June 10, 1918, in Edwards County to Joseph and Sarah "Sallie" (Carter) Hodgson. She married Louis Howell Shelton in 1942, and he preceded he in death Dec. 2, 1982. Visitation is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Funeral is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Mrs. Shelton was a homemaker and a member of Ridge Baptist Church.

Harriet is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph Charles "JC" and Marilyn Shelton of Jasper, IN, Ronald Earl and Shirley Shelton of Enfield, Robert Dean and Donna Sehlton of Tulsa, OK; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane Ann and David Harris of Albion, Sally Jean and Bruce Rose of Grayville; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by four brothers, Joe Wicker, Martin Hodgson, Arvel Hodgso, Archie Hodgson; two sisters, Julia Hortin and Lula Perkins; and a grandson, William Howell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ridge Baptist Church and may be made at Cook Funeral Chapel.

Ernest S. "Red" Walter, Oct. 1, 1914 - Dec. 22, 2004

Grayville resident Ernest S. “Red” Walter, 90, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. A graveside memorial service with military rites will be Friday, Apr. 22, 2005, at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

He was born Oct. 1, 1914, in Cowling, the son of J.B. and Emily (Stewart) Walter. Red was a WWII Army Veteran, a retired oil refinery worker, and a member of the American Legion. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Sherry Walter of New Harmony, IN; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Marvin Phoenix of Gillette, WY; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of arrangements.