Joseph L. Butler, Apr. 3, 1920 - Jan. 1, 2005

Joseph L. Butler, 84, of Grayville, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at VNA Charlier Hospice Center in Evansville, IN. A memorial service with military rites will be conducted in April. The body will be cremated. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of all arrangements. He was born Apr. 3, 1920, in Mt. Vernon, IN, the son of James Thomas and Rosa (Saltzman) Butler. He married Margaret Ruth "Peggy" Helck. She preceded him in death. He later married Valetta Hill. She survives. He was a US Navy veteran of WWII and a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, and the First Presbyterian Church of Grayville, and was a retired US Postal Service Letter Carrier.

Survivors include his wife, Valletta of Fairfield; three sons, Tom W. Butler of Chrisman, Larry Butler of Grayville and Gary Butler of Dale, IN; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret; one brother, Harry Butler; another brother and one sister. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grayville Senior Citizens Center, Grayville VFW or VNA Hospice of Evansville.

Herschel F. Groff, Nov. 21, 1920 - Jan. 8, 2005

Herschel F. Groff, 84, of Grayville, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Nov. 21, 1920, in Grayville, the son of Frederick Harrison and Madge (Rawlinson) Groff. He married Rebecca Louise Jarboe in 1943. She survives. He was a business manager and administrator for oil distribution companies and the public health department. He researched over 100 articles for the Grayville Navigator. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Lions, Moose, and Elks Club.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca; one son, Jim and wife, Andi, Groff, of New Baden; two sisters-in-law, Maynette Alcorn of Grayville and Rose Maruyama of Highlands Ranch, CO; three nephews, Peter Groff of Cambridge, MA, Tim Alcorn of Grayville, and Mike Alcorn of Henderson, NV; and three grandchildren, Susan Groff of San Francisco, CA, Fam Groff of Arlington, VA, and Nancy Harrison of Winnsboro, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Bob and David Groff; and one brother, Cecil Groff. Memorials may be made to the Grayville Library Building Fund and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Helen Werzner, Apr. 17, 1917 - Jan. 22, 2005

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Werzner will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Cook Funeral Home in Grayville. Mrs. Werzner was born in Evansville, IN, where she graduated from Central High School in 1935 and was employed by the Evansville Press and Ewing Amusement Company. Following her marriage to Arthur in 1937, Helen moved to Grayville where she and Arthur ran the Werzner Cafe at 214 E North St., until 1972. Mrs. Werzner broke the gender barrier in 1955 when she was the first woman to be elected to the Grayville City Council where she served as Finance Commissioner, and later as Gas Commissioner. It was during that time that Mrs. Werzner played a key role in obtaining Grayville's natural gas system in 1958. Defeated as a candidate for mayor in 1959, Mrs. Werzner was again elected to the council in 1967 where she served as commissioner for two more terms.

Mrs. Werzner was also a member of Mt. Olive Church and a graduate of Wabash Junior College, where she held an associate degree in accounting and worked as an independent bookkeeper until recent years. As an avid world traveler, Mrs. Werzner visited just about every continent on earth during her later years and was in Beijing, P.R. China during the Tiananmen Square uprising. Her favorite pastimes included oil painting, Royal Neighbors, dancing, trips to Branson, and helping Grayville Senior Citizens.

Due to failing health, Mrs. Werzner moved from her residence in Grayville in 2002 to Houston, TX, in order to be near her family. It was there, in Park Plaza Hospital, where she passed away Jan. 17. Mrs. Werzner was preceded in death by her husband Arthur in 1972. Surviving are two sons, William Werzner of Houston, TX; Robert Werzner of Cheyenne, WY, and seven grandchildren.

Bernard "Boom" Wells, Jan. 21, 1924 - Jan. 19, 2005

Bernard "Boom" Wells, 80, died Wednesday morning at his home in Grayville. Born in Edwards County, Mr. Wells was the son of Elmira (Reid) and Edson Wells. He married Evelyn Bernadine Wilson in 1947 and she survives. Mr. Wells was a WWII Army veteran. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Grayville, VFW, American Legion, and he enjoyed hunting and playing golf.

In addition to his wife, Bernard "Boom" Wells is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Audrey Wells, and one step-son, Ronnie Wilson, all of Grayville; two daughters, Barbara Moore of Mt. Carmel, and Sue Wolfe of West Salem; eleven grandchildren, Jack Wells, Jeremy Wells, Shannon Mathis, Charly Wolfe, Logan Wolfe, Tina Albert, Teresa Pate, Will Schexneider, Jr., Honey Lynn Ritter, Mindy Lee Albert, Wendy Garman, and many great-grandchildren. Mr. Wells was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Wells, and three sisters, Geraldine Lovin, Phyllis Wells, and Delores Wells. Graveside services for Bernard "Boom" Wells were held Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville with Military Rites. Cook Funeral Chapel was in charge of all arrangements.

Marvin D. Rudisill, Aug. 8, 1939 - Feb. 1, 2005

Marvin D. Rudisill, 65, of Grayville, died Feb. 1, 2005, at Richland Care and Rehab in Olney. Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 4, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Aug. 8, 1939, in Grayville, the son of Jesse and Lillian (Weller) Rudisill. He married Brenda Barton on Dec. 17, 1957. She survives. He worked for many years as a floor finisher. He was a member of Olive Congregational Christian Church and the National Rifle Association. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda of Grayville; three sons, Steven and wife, Nancy, Rudisill, of Grayville, Rick and wife, Pam, Rudisill, of Troy, MI, and Jim and wife, Kathy, Rudisill of Wright City, MO; one daughter, Debbie and husband, Don, Riley of O'Fallon, MO; four brothers, Elmo and wife, Lydia, Rudisill of Indianapolis, IN, Robert and wife, Ginger, Rudisill of Grayville, Wayne and wife, Lora Mae, Rudisill of Grayville, and Jerry and wife, Bea, Rudisill of Knox, IN; three sisters, Verna Robbins of Grayville, Betty and husband, Bob, Landingham of Grayville, and Carol and husband, Don, Hedricks of Tyron, OK; six grandchildren, Deana Thompson and husband, Darrel, James Dean Rudisill and wife, Katie, Maria Trupiano and husband, Joe,

Jeffrey Rudisill, Amy Rudisill, and Jennifer Rudisill; five great-grandchildren, Drew Thompson, Dathan Thompson, Anna Rudisill, James Dean Rudisill II, Logan Trupiano, and Delaney Thompson, who is due to be born in June. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Lillian Rudisill; one brother, Jesse Rudisill; and two sisters, Genieve Owen and Emily Wilson.

Patricia L. Wood, Mar. 17, 1938 - Feb. 19, 2005

Patrica L. Wood, 66, of Mt. Carmel, died Feb. 19, 2005, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, in the chapel of Cunningham Funeral Home in Mt. Carmel, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Mar. 17, 1938, in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Russell and Louise (Swim) Tennyson and the late Larry Kennedy. She was an Administrative Secretary for Snap-On Tool Corporation and was a member of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Mt. Carmel.

Survivors include her mother, Louise Swim Tennyson; step-father, Russell Tennyson, who raised her from youth; one son, Jeffrey S. (Shari) Lynn of Albion; one grandchild, Kyle Lynn of Indianapolis, IN; three step-grandchildren, Andrew (Jessica) Carter, Christopher Carter, and Lyna Carter, all of Albion; one step-great-granddaughter, Camerin Carter; and one brother, Jerald (Phyllis) Kennedy of Keystone Heights, FL. She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Kennedy.

Alfred Junior Smith, Aug. 19, 1924 - Mar. 14, 2005

Alfred Junior Smith, 80, of Grayville, died Monday, Mar. 14, 2005, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Mr. Smith was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Phillipstown, the son of Alfred and Elsie (Robinson) Smith. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and a member of the American Legion and VFW. He drove a gasoline truck for Philips 66 for over 35 years.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Juanita Smith of Keensburg; two daughters, Juanita May Casseday of Ocala, FL, and Bernita “Bea” Morgan of Mt. Carmel; a son, Darrell Smith of Mt. Carmel; nine grandchildren, Shawn Keele, Twila Westlake, Candice Kissel, Tim Keele, John Keele, Mike Smith, Michelle Deal, Christina Smith, and Alfred Smith; 12 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Cecil Hocking of Sumner, Mary Lou Jacques of Evansville, IN, and Velma Broach of Clewiston, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Charles Smith. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Short Funeral Home in Mt. Carmel. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home in Mt. Carmel.

Mary Helen Wood, Sept. 15, 1905 - Mar. 15, 2005

Mary Helen Wood, 99, of Grayville died Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2005, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. She is survived by one son, J. Milton Wood, and a niece, Marilyn Lewis. She is preceded in death by her husband, Herman B. Wood. Mrs. Wood’s remains were cremated and a private family graveside service was conducted Mar. 18, 2005. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville was in charge of arrangements.

Joseph L. Calkins, Mar. 2, 1910 - Apr. 2, 2005

Grayville resident Joseph L. Calkins, 95, died Saturday Apr. 2, 2005, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Apr. 6, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. The funeral service is at 9 a.m., Thursday, Apr. 7, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

He was born Mar. 2, 1910, in Edwards County, the youngest child of George Washington and Lottie (Johnson) Calkins. On June 1, 1931, he married Vera E. Tait. They were married 63 years until her death on Sept. 2, 1994. He was a truck driver, farmer. Until his death, he was a member for the longest time (82 years) of the First Christian Church of Grayville. In Nov. 2000, he received a certificate recognizing his membership for 76 years.

He is survived by one child, a son and his wife, whom he treated as a daughter, Carl and Barbara Calkins, of rural Albion; two grandchildren and their spouses, David and Julie Calkins of Oakwood and Gloria and Jeromey Toombs of Burnt Prairie; two nephews, Darrell D. Frankland of Arlington, TX, and Darrell Calkins of Joliet; three nieces, Helen Baker and Marjorie Miser, both of Grayville, and June Graham of Evansville, IN. He is preceded in death by both parents; three sisters, Rossie Calkins, Ada Bulkley, and Golda Frankland; and two brothers, Alvin and Lorenzo P. “Bob” Calkins.

Kay Reese, Mar. 23, 1926 - Apr. 2, 2005

Kay Reese, 79, of Grayville, died Saturday, Apr. 2, 2005, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Visitation and funeral services will be Thursday, Apr. 7, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Visitation is at 11 a.m. and continues until funeral time at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville with military graveside rites.

He was born Mar. 23, 1926, in Edwards County, IL, the son of Vere and Minnie (Miles) Reese. He was a carpenter, a U.S. Marine Corps WWII veteran, member of the American Legion and the American Humane Society. Survivors include two sons, Richard Mayne of Indiana and Michael Reese of Missouri; a sister, Pauline Clegg of Morganfield, KY; a nephew and caregiver, Denny Reese of Grayville; two other nephews, Joan Treadway, Becky Grayville, and Tom Reese of Carmi; four nieces, Joan Treadway, Becky Imboden, and Lana Pierson, all of Grayville, and Nancy Garwood of Crossville; a cousin, Barbara Strohm of Grayville; several cousins and great-nieces and nephews; and his beloved cat, Peaches. He is preceded in death by both parents; a daughter, Sandra Kay Reese; three brothers, Gerald, Melvin “Nub”, and Robert Reese; and a sister, Wilma McCluskey.

Ruby B. Bradshaw, June 20, 1917 - Apr. 11, 2005

Ruby B. Bradshaw, 87, formerly of Grayville, died Monday, Apr. 11, 2005, at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Evansville, IN. Visitation is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Apr. 14, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel, in Grayville. Funeral services is at 10 a.m., Friday, Apr. 15, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel, with Bill Minor officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

She was born June 20, 1917, in St. Jacob, the daughter of Earl H. and Melva May (Faires) Ellis. At the ages of six to 14, she attended country schools. From ages 14 to 18, she completed high school with the greatest extra-curricular activities for the four years, and achieved the second

highest rank in academics. She attended McKendree Methodist College in Lebannon, where she received degrees in music specializing in voice and elementary education. She was a member of the college Glee Club and toured to various Southern Illinois churches. Her teaching career included Zuercus Grove in Edwardsville and Virgin School in Alton. She married Thomas E. Bradshaw on Dec. 27, 1941, at the chapel of McKendree College. Tom was in the military stationed in Rantoul and was later transferred to Las Vegas, NV. Ruby worked in the civilian personnel in Parachute Division (AC Specialist) for two years. She was promoted from teaching of folding parachutes to correspondence and taught civilian teachers how to handle classes. Both she and Tom were discharged in 1945 and moved to Tom's hometown of Grayville. Ruby again taught school from 1950 until her retirement in 1977.

After Ruby's retirement, she and Tom spent the next 22 years wintering in Homestead or Bonita Springs, FL. They made many friends in Florida and enjoyed sharing trips on buses, cruises, day trips, and attending the Methodist Churches in both locations. Ruby was a member of the Methodist Church in Grayville and held memberships in several organizations including the Eastern Star, Wabash Valley Camping Club, and the Grayville Women's Club. She is also a past recipient of the Grayville Community Arts Mother of the Year award.

Ruby is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Gwen Bradshaw-Tooley and her husband, Maurus Tooley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Tom on Dec. 30, 2002, and by a brother, Darrell D. Ellis. Memorial contributions may be made at Cook Funeral Chapel to Grayville Methodist Church, St. Peters Methodist Church of Evansville, IN, or the Grayville Senior Citizens Center.

Edward Lee Trusty, Feb. 11, 1949 - Apr. 24, 2005

Edward Lee Trusty, 56, of rural Mt. Carmel, died Sunday, Apr. 24, 2005, at the Veterans' Hospital in Marion. Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Apr. 27, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, APr. 28, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville with military rites.

He was born Feb. 11, 1949, in Mt. Carmel, the son of Billy Lee and Ruby Marie (Terry) Trusty. On May 28, 1993, he married Carol Elaine Schroeder, and she survives. He was an operating engineer. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal. He held memberships in the VFW, American Legion, Albion Moose Club, and the Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Trusty; his mother, Marie Trusty; a son, Michael McWilliams, all of Mt. Carmel; a brother and sister-in-law, Billy Ray and Shannon Trusty of Hemet, CA; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Connie and Junior Butler and Patti and Steve Funkhouser; and two grandchildren, all of Mt. Carmel. He is preceded in death by his father, Billy Lee Trusty and a sister, Tina Rhinehart. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Clarence Hawkins, Apr. 5, 1929 - May 1, 2005

Clarence Hawkins, 76, of Mt. Carmel, formerly of Grayville, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. Graveside funeral service with military rites were 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville was in charge of arrangements.

He was born Apr. 5, 1929, in Grayville, the son of Clarence and Margaret Hawkins. He was married to Sheila Kamp in 1977, and she survives. He was a retired oilfield worker, U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Baptist church. He was a member of the VFW and Amvets.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila; a son, Roger Hawkins; three daughters, Linda Senger, Marilyn Umfleet, and Elaine Osmon; three brothers-in-law, Robert Kamp, Ray Hutton, and Howard Deisher; four sisters-in-law, Carrie Deisher, Becky Hutton, Jessie Bradford, and Taunya Hutton; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Margaret Hawkins.

Nichol "Nikki" Kathleen Kennedy, Nov. 12, 1986 - May 22, 2005

Nicohl "Nikki" Kathleen Kennedy, 18, of Albion, died at 10:20 a.m. Sunday, May 22, 2005, at her home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at Edwards County High School in Albion, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight (Wednesday), May 25, at the high school gym in Albion. Ingram Funeral Home of Albion is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Nov. 12, 1986, in Mt. Carmel, the daughter of Rick and Kim (Hemrich) Kennedy of Albion. She was a 2005 graduate of Edwards County High School, and was a member of the FCCLA, Choir, performed in the Dinner Theater, Albion Ruritan Club, and attended Northside Baptist Church in Grayville. She was employed at Dairy Queen in Albion.

Survivors include her parents, Rick and Kim Kennedy of Albion; one sister, Natasha Kennedy, at home; paternal grandparents, William and Doris Collins of Albion, and Jim and Kathleen Watkins of Mt. Carmel; maternal grandparents, Tom and Jenny Hemrich of Clay City, and Sandra and Tony Mock of Flora; paternal great-grandparent, Orbely Tom Kennedy of Nashville; and best friends, Casey Borowiak and Madeline Brown. She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

A Trust Fund has been set up at First Bank in Albion. Memorials may be made for Natasha Kennedy in memory of Nicohl Kennedy.

Robert Rankin McKechnie, Oct. 4, 1914 - May 17, 2005

Former Grayville resident Robert Rankin McKechnie, II, died at Lacoba Homes facility in Monett, MO, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. He had been cared for during the past seven years in the home of his daughter, Lou Ellen. Robert was born Oct. 4, 1914, in Wayne County, KY, to Hugh and Mary (Corder) McKechnie. At the age of 14, he joined a mounted cavalry unit of the Kentucky National Guard and was part of Troop K. He attended all 12 years of school in Monticello, KY, prior to serving with the Civil Conservation Corps in California. In 1937 he began working in the oil fields near Salem, where he met his wife of 60 years, Alta Evelyn Duncan. They moved from Flora to Grayville in 1948. He worked for Sohio Pipeline for 39 years. During seven of those years they lived in Galion, OH. Robert and Evelyn were

members of the Churches of Christ in Flora, Grayville, and Crossville; Galion, OH; and Monett, MO.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister, and his wife in 1999. Surviving are a sister, Grace Denney of Mt. Vernon; his three children, Rob (Peggy) of North Little Rock, AR; Lou Ellen (David) Honeycutt of Monett, MO; Eleanor (Ben) White of Bismarck; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service at Buchanan Funeral Home in Monett, MO, at 7 p.m. on May 19, was conducted by Brad Honeycutt, who led the singing. Selections were, A Mansion Over the Hilltop, and We Have An Anchor, plus favorite folk songs, followed by a patriotic reading by Dr. David Honeycutt. Closing prayer was by Mr. Chris McCurley of the Cassville, MO, Church of Christ. The funeral on Saturday, May 21, was conducted by Roger Wright at the Crossville, IL, Church of Christ building. Visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. was followed by the service at 11 a.m. Congregational singing was led by David White and Scott White, and scriptures were read by Rustin Honeycutt and Rob McKecknie. Songs were Sing to Me of Heaven, Blessed Assurance, Walking Alone at Eve, Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims, We Have An Anchor, and Blest Be the Tie That Binds. Scriptures were Psalm 19:7-10, 14 and Psalm 121. Prayers were offered by Herb Woollard and Roger Wright, respective ministers at the Crossville and Vincennes, IN, Churches of Christ. Pallbearers were Bill McKechnie, Robert Rankin McKechnie, IV, Rustin Honeycutt, Church McGarrah, David White, and Scott White. The memorial service, funeral, and burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville were under the direction of Buchanan Funeral Home of Monett, MO, with local assistance from Dennis Campbell.

Bernice D. Naney, June 27, 1924 - June 18, 2005

Bernice D. Naney, 80, of Carmi, formerly of Grayville, died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at White County Medical Center Hospital in Carmi. The remains were cremated. Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 20, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Bill Minor officiated. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of arrangements.

She was born June 27, 1924, in Ullin, the daughter of William and Sibyl (Cook) Dorris. She married John Naney on Apr. 8, 1951. He preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 1988. She was a retired bookkeeper and worked for many years at Harris Drilling Company in Grayville. She was a member of the Stewart Street Baptist Church in Carmi.

Survivors include one son, John Alan and wife, Vicki Naney, of Mt. Carmel; one daughter, Kathryn and husband, Larry, Brown of Carmi; one brother, James “Bill” and wife, Pat, Dorris of Ocala, FL; one sister, Mildred Hill of Hemet, CA; six grandchildren, Debbie Catlin of Herald, Thom (Melissa) Brown of Huntsville, AL, Toby Brown of Carmi, Trina (Chris) Dunkel of Mt. Carmel, Crystal Williams of Mt. Carmel, and Nathan Naney of Eldorado; eight great-grandchildren; four nephews; one niece; and several cousins and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two sisters, Phyllis Owen and Geneivive Dorris.

Charles Onyett, Sept. 2, 1939 - July 1, 2005

Charles Onyett, 65, of Bryant, AR, died on Friday, July 1, 2005, at Little Rock. He was born Sept. 2, 1939, in Mt. Vernon, IN, to the late Joseph and Ella Walker Onyett. Mr. Onyett retired as a Master Sergeant from the US Air Force after 22 years of service, then gave another 20 years of his life to the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department as a communications specialist. Mr. Onyett was a 32nd Degree Mason out of Lodge 127 in Cordell, OK, and a member of both the Schimitar Lodge and Shriners Lodge in Little Rock . He belonged to the Grayville American Legion Post #696 and VFW Post 3851 at Carmi.

Survivors include his wife, Dona Onyett of Bryant, AR; one son, Charles Onyett, Jr. of Hot Springs; one stepson, Lee Godfrey of Boston, MA, two sisters, Emma Lou Norman of Crossville, IL, and Dorothy Ward of Grayville; five grandchildren, Christopher Godfrey of Garland, TX, Joshua Godfrey of Boston, MA, Lauren Andrews of Clinton, MA, Christina Onyett and Daniel Onyett both of Hot Springs, AR, and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at Cook Chapel Funeral Home in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Josh Gray, John Gray, Lee Godfrey, Gary Ward, John Ward, and Bob Ward.

Michael Christopher Burrows, Sept. 26, 2005 - Aug. 1, 2005

Grayville resident, Micahel Christopher Burrows, 24, died Monday Aug. 1, 2005, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville after a long battle with cancer. Funeral services were scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial with Military Rites will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

He was born Sept. 26, 1980, at Homestead Air Force Base, FL, the son of David W. Burrows and Chon Uk Chon. Michael was a graduate of Grayville High School in 1998, and a disabled Army Veteran. Survivors include his parents, David and Donna Burrows; a daughter, Jaida Mikelle Burrows, all of Grayville; two brothers, Derek Burrows of Grayville and Greg Mosbarger and his wife, Heather, of Terre Haute, IN. Memorial contributions to the Grayville Library Fund may be made in Michael's memory at Cook Funeral Chapel.

Hildred M. Young, May 18, 1916 - Aug. 5, 2005

Hildred M. Young, 89, of rural Carmi, died Friday, Aug. 5, 2005, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born May 18, 1916, in Edwards County, the daughter of Walter and Rena (Schmittler) Nettleton. She was married to Carroll M. Young, and he preceded her in death in 1978. She was a farm wife and homemaker who enjoyed sewing and cooking.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Arnold and Norma Young of rural Grayville, IL; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a son, Don Young; a daughter, Wanda Sipes; a brother, Carol Nettleton; and a sister, Mary Nettleton.

John W. Kuykendall, Jan. 11, 1937 - Aug. 15, 2005

John W. Kuykendall, 68, of Carmi, died Monday, Aug. 15, 2005, at Wabash Christian Retirement Center in Carmi. Visitation and funeral is today, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, at Cook Funeral

Chapel in Grayville. Visitation is 11 a.m. and continues until funeral time at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

He was born Jan. 11, 1937, in Gray Township, the son of Charles and Nellie (Robison) Kuykendall. He married Phyllis Daniel on Sept. 25, 1970, and she survives. John worked maintenance for the White County Housing Authority until his retirement. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Grayville, IL.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis of Carmi; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Marilyn Kuykendall of Grayville, Stewart and Linda Kuykendall of Olney, IL, and Jerry and Jill Kuykendall of Mora, IL; and a sister, Barbara Harlan of Carmi. He is preceded in death by both parents; a son, Jeffrey Kuykendall; and four brothers, Robert, Ralph, Don, and David Kuykendall. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southeast IL and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Carrie Ellen Jacobs, Dec. 19, 1909 - Aug. 10, 2005

Carrie Ellen Jacobs, 95, Grayville, died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005 at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Mrs. Jacobs was born Dec. 19, 1909, in Farmersville, located in Wayne county, ten miles west of Grayville. She was one of seven children born to Bert and Biddie M. (Puntney) Perkins. She spent her young life in the Farmersville area, where she attended grade school. Her high school days were spent at Grayville High School. She married Virgil Jacobs in 1930, and they moved to the Jacobs farm, two miles north of Grayville, where they lived for 27 years. They moved into Grayville in 1958.

Mrs. Jacobs started teaching school in 1944. She attended college at the same time. She attended Eastern Illinois University for five summers and Oakland City College in Indiana for three summers. She also drove many miles to night school. She graduated from Oakland City College in 1962. She retired from full-time teaching in 1975, after 30 years, but continued to substitute teach in Grayville for an additional 14 years. Mrs. Jacobs was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (teacher's society), Grayville Evening Woman's Club, Royal Neighbors, and played piano for two bands, Edwards County Senior Band and the Five Golden Jewels of Grayville. She taught the adult Sunday school class and played piano at Olive Church, where she was a member.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Virgil Morris and Marianlee Jacobs of Mackinaw; two grandsons, David R. and M. Gary Jacobs; and four great-grandchildren, Rachel, Rebecca, Tanner, and Anna Jacobs. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Addie Millar, Zella Pollard and Virginia Henning; and three brothers, Claude, Charles, and Carroll Perkins. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Grayville Library Fund or Grayville Scholarship Fund and will be accepted at the funeral chapel.

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Grayville, IL, resident, Carrie Ellen Jacobs, 95, died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. She was born Dec. 19, 1909, in Farmersville, Wayne County, IL, ten miles west of Grayville. She was one of seven children born to Bert and Biddie M. (Puntney) Perkins. Her young life was spent in Farmersville neighborhood where she attended grade school. Many of her relatives and friends lived there and it was a very close-knit neighborhood. The people helped each other at butcherings, threshings, etc. She enjoyed many pleasant memories of the time spent there. Her high school days were spent at Grayville High School. She married Virgil Jacobs in 1930, and they moved to Jacobs' farm two miles north of Grayville, where they lived for 27 years. They moved to Grayville in 1958.

Mrs. Jacobs started teaching school in 1944 when teachers were scarce. She attended college at the same time. She attended Eastern IL University for five summers and Oakland City College for three summers. She also drove many miles to night school and took classes. She graduated from Oakland City College in 1962. Mrs. Jacobs lead a busy and active life. Although she retired in 1975, after 30 years of teaching, she substitute taught in Grayville School System for an additional 14 years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Teachers Society), the Grayville Evening Woman's Club, the Royal Neighbors, and even played piano for two bands - the Edwards County Senior Band and the Five Golden Jewels of Grayville. The bands entertained for nursing homes, schools, churches, birthday parties and various other events. She taught the adult Sunday School class and played piano at Olive Church where she was a member.

She loved poetry throughout her life. She carried poetry books with her as a child and read them over and over. She began with Mother Goose books that Santa Claus brought. She did her first writing of poetry in high school where several of her poems were published in The Beacon, the high school paper. Several of her poems were published in the local newspapers and she had two books published for relatives and friends. Her many hobbies through life included music, writing poetry, reading, crocheting, gardening, cooking and food preserving. She always had a thirst for knowledge and read many books and magazines, and worked crossword puzzles to keep her mind active. House work, yard work, and dancing provided her with much exercise.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Virgil Morris and Marianlee Jacobs of Mackinaw, IL; two grandsons, David R. and M. Gary Jacobs; four great-grandchildren, Rachel, Rebecca, Tanner, and Anna Jacobs. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by three sisters, Addie Millar, Zella Pollard, and Virginia Henning; and three brothers, Claude, Charles, and Carroll Perkins. Visitation and funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Grayville Library Fund or the Grayville Scholarship Fund and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel.

Zella E. Riley, May 18, 1922 - Sept. 2, 2005

Zella E. Riley, of Grayville, IL, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, at New Harmonie Health Care in New Harmony, IN. Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

She was born May 18, 1922, in Hickory Ridge, AR, the daughter of Robert G. and Martha Marinda (Moore) Nesler. She worked many years as a seamstress and waitress. She was a member of the Grayville Church of God and she also enjoyed fishing. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Judy Warmack of Grayville, and Don and Debbie Riley of O'Fallon, MO; one brother, Ike Nesler of Poplar Bluff, MO; two sisters, Mary Mayhull of Las Vegas, NV and Neoma Warren of Sikeston, MO; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death are her parents, two sisters, and two brothers. Memorials may be given to either the American Red Cross of the Salvation Army.

Barry Lane Bertram, Oct. 22, 1939 - Sept. 23, 2005

Grayville resident Barry Lane Bertram, 65, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Graveside military rites were conducted by combined units of the VFW and American Legion.

He was born Oct. 22, 1939, in Monticello, KY, the son of lYle Edgar and Ruth Evelyn (Steele) Bertram. He married Joyce Ann Spencer and she survives. He was a retired US Navy veteran, having served during the Vietnam War, and a member of the VFW. He was also a retired rural mail carrier for the US Postal Service. First Christian Church of Grayville was his church home. He enjoyed fishing and being with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Ann Bertram of Grayville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheri Laine Stockton and her husband, John, of Crossville; a sister and brother-in-law, Penny Lee Labarraere and her husband, David, of Memphis, TN; and two grandchildren, Macy Laine Stockton and Branten Lyle Stockton.

James Robert "J-Bird" Mills, Apr. 21, 1927 - Oct. 3, 2005

James Robert "J-Bird" Mills, age 78, of Grayville, died Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at his home. Visitation for James Robert Mills will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with burial with military rites at Oak Grove Cemetery.

He was born in New Harmony, IN, in 1927, the son of John Elvis and Bessie Mae (Tipitt) Mills. He married Lois Louise Jones in 1950 and she survives. He was a truck driver and a Corporal in the Army during WWII. He was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal Japan (Korean Service). He was a member of the Evansville Funkhouser VFW Post and enjoyed baseball, roller skating, and dancing.

James Robert Mills is survived by his wife, Lois, and three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jimmie and Patty Mills of Carmi, John and Donna Mills of Philpot, KY, and Robert Wayne Mills of Petersburg, IN; three daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and Tom Haywood and Wanda and Terry Haywood of Grayville, and Jackie Sue and Jack Thomason of McLeansboro; one brother, John E. Mills of New Harmony, IN; and two sisters, Burdetta McCreary of Mexico Beach, FL, and Verla Mae Andrews of Ft. Bragg, CA. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Myrtle Ward, Sarah Mills, Margaret Mills, Ruth Mills, and Jo Ann Mills; two

grandchildren, Jamie Mills and Robert Smith; and one great-granddaughter, Meagan Haywood. Memorial contributions may be made at the funeral home to VNA TIP Hospice.

Lucy Janath "Jan" McKenzie, Mar. 6, 1943 - Oct. 1, 2005

Grayville, IL, resident, Lucy Janath "Jan" McKenzie, 62, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Private family graveside services will be Sunday, at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. There will be no visitation. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of arrangements. She was born Mar. 6, 1943, in Flippin, KY, the daughter of Herman and May (Davis) Brandon. She married Ezra Earl McKenzie and he survives. She was a protestant and enjoyed gardening, canning, quilting, sewing, and being a mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Ezra Earl McKenzie of Grayville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Tonya McKenzie of Grayville, Troy and Crystal McKenzie of Oblong, IL, Kevin McKenzie of Grayville; one daughter and son-in-law, Tresa and Galen Bowen of Flora, IL: four sisters, Joy Barcus, Toni White, June Cherry, and Jo Shields; 15 grandchildren, Tanya Bowen, Josh Bowen, Luke Bowen, Derek Bowen, Michael McKenzie and his wife, Savannah, Quade McKenzie, Tyler McKenzie, Michael Biggs, AJ Linder, Jessica McKenzie, Stephanie McKenzie, Brandi McKenzie, Brandon McKenzie, Brittney McKenzie, and Tiffany McKenzie; three great-grandchildren, Briana Snoddy, Dawson McKenzie, and Jessycka McKenzie. SHe is preceded in death by both parents, and three sisters, Jessie Cross, Jane Brandon, and Darlene Brandon.

Roger Voyle Heckler, Dec. 27, 1905 - Oct. 3, 2005

Roger Voyle Heckler, 99, of Grayville, died Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel. Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Funeral service is at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. He was born Dec. 27, 1905, in Sumner, the son of Phillip Jacob and Della Mae (Vangilder) Heckler. He was a retired oil lease operator for Getty Oil Company. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Grayville, and received his 50-year membership pin from the Sheba Masonic Lodge in Grayville on Oct. 26, 1990. In his earlier years, he was active in county politics as a Republican Precinct Committeeman.

He was married to Viola (Groff) Heckler for 76 years, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 19, 2004. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Ilene Heckler of Carmi; a daughter and son-in-law, Connie Jo and Joe Miller of Grayville; four grandchildren, Steven Heckler and his wife, Nan, Stephanie Stoll and her husband, Matt, Stacie Miller and Justin Miller; four great-grandchildren, Forrest Heckler, Audrey Heckler, Tristan Heckler, Landon Stoll, and Loren Stoll; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents, Phillip and Della Mae Heckler; his wife, Viola Evelyn Heckler; and three sisters, Vera Hasler, Leah Jones, and Marie Wagonseller. Memorials may be made to either Meadowood Nursing Home or First Christian Church of Grayville and may be given at Cook Funeral Chapel.

Lola “Jewel” McGarvey, May 1, 1915 - Nov. 9, 2005

Lola “Jewel” McGarvey, 90, formerly of Grayville, died at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at Rest Haven Manor in Albion. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Ingram Funeral Home in Albion, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

She was born May 1, 1915, in Edmondson County, KY, the daughter of Christopher C. and Emily (Ray) Simmons. She married Raymond McGarvey on Sept. 3, 1933. He preceded her in death. She was a member of the Ridge Independent Baptist Church in Grayville and had worked at Johnny Manufacturing Co. in Albion. Survivors include one daughter, Sandra Lee and husband, Dick, of Davenport, IA; four sons, William “Bill” McGarvey and wife, Marsha, of Collinsville, Jerry McGarvey and wife, Betty, of Grayville, David McGarvey and wife, Tressia, of Albion, and Mike McGarvey of Nashville, TN; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, and three sisters.

James C. Payne, Sept. 4, 1943 - Nov. 26, 2005

Grayville resident, James C. Payne, 62, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at his home. Visitation and funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Sept. 4, 1943, in Richland Co., the son of Jess C. and Georgia K. (McLain) Payne. He was a retired factory worker.

Survivors include one son, James Allen Payne of Grayville; a daughter and son-in-law, Belinda and Terry Sherman of Mt. Carmel; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Byrom Ward of Grayville; several grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by both parents, and two brothers, Sammy and Donnie Payne.

Vertis E. Spencer, July 29, 1917 - Dec. 4, 2005

Vertis E. Spencer, 88, well-known lifelong resident of Gray Township, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at his home in Grayville following an extended illness. Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Funeral service is at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Masonic Rites. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

Vertis was born in rural Gray Township on July 29, 1917, to Everett and Grace Spencer. He graduated from Crossville High School, and attended SouthernIL University. He farmed in White, Edwards, and Wayne counties for over 65 years. In 1940, he married the former Margaret E. Groff, and they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 3, 2005. He attended the Primitive Baptist Church in Centerville and later attended the United Methodist Church in Grayville. Vertis was a 63-year member of the Sheba Lodge #200, the Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies, a 60-year member of the Elks, a charter member of the Grayville Moose Lodge, and a 60-year member of the Ainad Shrine of East St. Louis. He also served as a former Edwards County Democratic Party Precinct Committeeman.

In addition to his wife, Margaret, Vertis is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Kennedy Legler of Bradenton, FL, and Cindy and Steve Doty of Lakeland, FL; three grandchildren, Kennedy Brandon Legler, Austen Spencer Legler, and Megan Leigh Doty; two

brothers-in-law, Gene Groff of Norman, OK, and Paul Groff of Orchard Lake, MI; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his sister, Elizabeth “Betty” Prince. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grayville Library Building Fund or the Grayville Senior Citizens, % Cook Funeral Chapel, PO Box 99, Grayville, IL 62844.

Arnold Young, May 7, 1936 - Dec. 10, 2005

Well-known local farmer Arnold Young, 69, of rural Grayville died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at his home. Visitation and Masonic Rites were held Monday at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Cook Funeral Chapel with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. He was born in Hawthorne Township, White County on May 7, 1936, the son of Hildred Marie (Nettleton) and Carroll Young. He married Norma Russell and she survives. He was a member of the Masons (where he was a past Grand Master), the Shrine, and he was past president of the Grayville school board and a past tax assessor for Burnt Prairie Township.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, of Grayville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Jannette Young, of Grayville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Jesse Talbot of Louisville, KY, and Renee and Ron Fellows of Vincennes, IN; and eight grandchildren, Kassie Fellows, Cody Fellows, Sara Young, Kayla Young, Ashley Young, Melody Young, Adrien Talbot, and Erica Talbot. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Young, and a sister, Wanda Faye Sipes. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel.

Michael Joseph Steven, Dec. 7, 1971 - Dec. 28, 2005

Michael Joseph Steven “Mike” Spann, 34, of Albion, died at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at Kindred Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, at Ingram Funeral Home in Albion, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Dec. 7, 1971, in Springfield, the son of Eddie Steven Spann and Christine Cunningham. He was a member of the Springfield Police Explorer Post #326 and the Illinois Jaycees. He was a St. Louis Cardinals fan, a NASCAR fan, and a true patriot. He also enjoyed redneck jokes and farming.

Survivors include his father, Steve Spann of Grayville; his mother, Chris Cunningham of Peoria; grandmother, Lily Cunningham of Peoria; one sister, Terri Spann of Peoria; one brother, Mat Spann of Springfield; special aunts, Vickie Short and Melissa Cunningham, who took care of him in his time of illness; two nieces, two nephews, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by two grandfathers; one grandmother; one uncle; and one aunt.

Aiden Randall Kleinschmidt, Dec. 2, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2005

Aiden Randall Kleinschmidt, 29 days, of Grayville, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel. Visitation and funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Visitation was noon to 2 p.m. with funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Dec. 2, 2005, at Deaconess Women’s Hospital in Newburgh, IN, the son of Aaron R. and Dawn (Bobbitt) Kleinschmidt.

Survivors include his parents, Aaron and Dawn Kleinschmidt, of Grayville; maternal grandparents, Edward and Shirley Bobbitt, of Mt. Carmel; paternal grandparents, Randy and Debbie Kleinschmidt, of Grayville; great maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Juanita Whalen, of Streator; and great paternal grandparents, Adolph and Jane Kleinschmidt, of Grayville, Delores Compton of Grayville, and Paul Bowland of Austin, TX. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grayville Library Building Fund and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.