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formerly of St. Joseph, died Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at a health care facility in Moberly.

(Services:) 10:00 A.M. Saturday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Mount Auburn Cemetery.

RUSSELL MCVICKER

1938 - 2009 | Age 70

Russell "Jake" McVicker, 70, of St. Joseph, passed away June 25, 2009 at a local health care center.

Jake was born September 18, 1938 to John and Evelyn (Wilson) McVicker in Cameron, MO, where he was a graduate of Cameron High School. He later attended Hillyard Technical Center in St. Joseph.

Jake lettered in football in 1955-1957 and earned golden gloves in 1958 - 1959. He became an eagle scout in 1954 and was a mic-o-say distance runner and a tom-tom beater. Jake helped build the first parking lot at camp Geiger where was also a cook for the scouts. He was an outdoorsman and loved to fish. Jake had worked for Dugdale Packing Plant, Whitaker Cable, Sherwood Medical, and retired from Johnson Controls after twenty-three years of service.

Jake is preceded in death by his parents, stepdaughter, Crystal Simmons, two brothers, Jim and Clyde McVicker, sister, Betty Webb, and a niece, Lesley Thompson.

Jake has lived the past thirty-seven years in St. Joseph where he married Elizabeth Gann February 4, 1972. His wife Elizabeth and a great-grandson, Austin Simmons survive him of the home.

He is also survived by four sons, Dean McVicker and wife Marilyn, Highland, KS; Robert McVicker, Beaverton, OR, Robin McVicker and wife Tammy, Vancouver, WA; Scott McVicker and wife Lynn, St. Joseph; one stepson, Jeff Gresham and companion Bernadet Sanchez, and two step daughters, Linda Patton and husband Darrel and Kathrin Breytenbach and husband William, all of St. Joseph; three sisters, Doris Thompson and husband Tom, and Dorothy Linder and husband Roger, all of Cameron, MO; and Mary Thompson and husband Don, Little Rock, AR; ten grandchildren, ten step grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and eleven step-great grandchildren.

Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the Clark-Sampson Funeral Home, St. Joseph, with interment in Ashland Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials contributions to Hands of Hope Hospice.

Online obituary and condolences at www.clarksampson.com

LAVEDA A. MARSH

1914 - 2009 | Age 94

LaVeda Arlene (nee Rogers) Marsh died June 27, 2009 at her home in St. Joseph, MO.

Born August 31, 1914 on a ranch in the sand hills of Nebraska near Ord, she spent her teen years working with horses and recalcitrant cattle and dreaming of a life traveling to exotic places and meeting interesting people.

After marriage to James Marsh in 1939 and his reenlistment into the Army in 1946, she got 25 years of travel to many parts of the United States, Europe, the Far East, and a side trip to the Middle East. She was a die-hard Republican and volunteered with day care, Girl Scouts, and practical nursing.

After Jim's death in 1997, their youngest daughter cared for her. In her later years, LaVeda declared she wanted to live at least till the millennium.

She leaves daughters Kay Rodrigues of O'Brien, OR; Michele Shields (and husband Richard) of Gladstone, MO, and Valerie Marsh of St. Joseph; a son Douglas Marsh (and spouse Susan Sprague) of Ashland, OR. She also leaves two granddaughters, Heather Gaudet of Evanston, IL and Stefanie Marsh of Houston, TX; and foster granddaughter Pam Poe of St. Joseph; three great-granddaughters, a great-grandson, and nieces and nephews. LaVeda was preceded in death by her husband and her sisters Audrey Gebauer and Roberta Hitt.

Mrs. Marsh has been cremated under the direction of Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Graveside services and inurnment will be held at a later date in Leavenworth National Cemetery where her ashes will join her husband's.

DAVID A. RUSSELL

1961 - 2009 | Age 47

David Allen Russell 57, of Saint Joseph, passed away Friday, June 26, 2009 at a Saint Joseph Health care center

He was born November 3, 1951 in St. Joseph, son of Norma and Clarence Russell. He graduated from Lafayette high school. He retired after 22 years of service from the United States Navy. He and was a member of VFW Post in Wathena, KS.

David was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include daughter, Tera Foster and husband Galen of St. Joseph, and two sons Troy Russell and wife Angela, of Saint Joseph, JR

Russell and wife Kristen of Jacksonville, FL, 5, Grandchildren, and a Brother, Ed Russell of North Carolina.

Mr. Russell has been cremated under the direction of the Rupp Funeral Home. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

MARK A. SHAFFER

1961 - 2009 | Age 47

Mark Allen Shaffer 47, of Saint Joseph, passed away Friday, June 26, 2009 at a Saint Joseph hospital.

He was born September 7, 1961 in Alton, IL, son of Barbara and Richard Shaffer. He graduated from Alton High School. He married Cindy Pelligrino on November 16, 1979 at Alton, IL. He worked at Westlake Ace Hardware as the Assistant Manager. He enjoyed shooting guns, hunting, fishing, riding his Harley, and rock music.

Mark was preceded in death by Paternal Grandmother, Beulah Shaffer, Maternal grandfather, Otis Swofford. Survivors include wife, Cindy Shaffer of the home, parents, Richard and Barbara Shaffer of Pinellas Park, FL, Maternal Grandmother, Dot Swofford of Pinellas Park, FL, daughters, Kelly, Christi, and Casey Shaffer and a son, David Shaffer a grandson, Jameson Jackson, granddaughter, Riane Shaffer-Byers, sister, Pamela Shaffer, niece, Annabella.

A graveside Celebration of life will be at 10:30 AM Monday under the direction of Rupp Funeral Home. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

DONNA MARIE VOGEL

1944 - 2009 | Age 65

Donna Marie Vogel, 65, St. Joseph, died Monday, June 22, 2009 at her

home.

Mrs. Vogel was born April 13, 1944 in Clarksdale, MO, the daughter of Ardale and Rhodena (Fisher) Chambers. She married Dennis Vogel on October 18, 1963. He survives of the home.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter, Dee Ann Vogel. Mrs. Vogel was a graduate of Gard Business University and was a secretary for Pillsbury Company (Grain Division) for 27 years. She later worked for Purina Mills as Logistics Coordinator for 14 years.

She was a former member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church and currently a member of Clair United Methodist Church. She was a charter member of Women in Grain (WIGS) and a charter member of Starlight Circle.

(Additional Survivors:) daughter, Debbie Bryson (Emmett), St. Joseph; son, Darrin Vogel (Nicole), St. Joseph; brothers, Larry Eugene Chambers (Gerry) and Rickey Lee Chambers, all of St. Joseph; sister, Beverly Ann Farrow (Lonnie), St. Joseph; grandchildren, Allyson, Alexandra and Alanna Bryson and Reme Wilson; and several nieces and nephews.

(Services:) 1:00 P.M. Friday, Clair United Methodist Church. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers the Family suggests memorial gifts to Missouri Masonic Children ID Program (MoCHIP).

DOYLE WERTENBERGER

1927 - 2009 | Age 82

Doyle G. Wertenberger, 82, Helena, MO, died Sunday, June 21, 2009 at a local health care center.

Mr. Wertenberger was born March 24, 1927 in Andrew County, MO, the son of Ralph and Ardis (Duncan) Wertenberger.

He married Beverly A. Hampton in March 1947. She preceded him in death on October 28, 1994.

Mr. Wertenberger was also preceded in death by his parents; and son, Stacey. He was a graduate of Helena High School, Helena, MO and a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during World War II.

After his marriage, he and his wife, "Beets" lived on his grandfather Duncan's farm where he worked as a dairy farmer. In 1954 they bought the Carpenter farm where he raised registered Holstein cattle.

He was a member of the Lions Club, Helena, MO and the Holstein Frisian Association of America.

(Survivors:) son, Stuart L. Wertenberger, Helena, MO; three granddaughters, Sammy and Amanda Wertenberger and Jessica Hillis (Chance); and sister, Doris M. Edmondson, St. Joseph.

(Services:) 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorials to a charity of the donor's choice.

ROGER P. WRIGHT

1948 - 2009 | Age 60

Roger Patton Wright, 60, St. Joseph, died Friday, June 26, 2009 at a local hospital

Born in 1948 to Jack Lovell and Patricia Elizabeth Wright, Roger lived his whole life in St. Joseph attending Edison grade school and Central High

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