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We were saddened to lose the sponsor of our free obituaries. Longtime readers have told me they appreciate *The Telegraph* printing obituaries.

The local daily newspaper, as do most newspapers, charge a fee, that frequently runs \$150-\$225, to print obituaries. The *Telegraph* has always printed them free, and could do that since some funeral homes advertised with this paper.

Now, without the advertising to support this, we may have to consider charging for obits, and only printing "death notices" for free.

*The Telegraph* would appreciate your ideas, feedback and any suggestions for our dilemma: [info@stjtelegraph.com](mailto:info@stjtelegraph.com)

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**MARVIN D. DOWDEN**

1931-2010 | Age 78

Marvin D. Dowden, 78, St. Joseph, died Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at a local health care center.

He was born May 8, 1931, the son of Ralph and Helen Dowden. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Dean Dowden.

Marvin worked for Bennett Garden Center and Kelsey Nurseries. He was a member of Wyatt Park Christian Church.

Survivors: brother, Ronald (Ginger) Dowden, St. Joseph; and sister-in-law, Betty Dowden, St. Joseph.

Services 1:00 P.M. Friday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family will receive friends 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Thursday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory where friends may call after 5:00 P.M. Thursday. The Family suggests memorial gifts to Wyatt Park Christian Church.

Online guests book and obituary at [www.meierhoffer.com](http://www.meierhoffer.com).

**FELICIA GARBOWSKI**

1940-2010 | Age 70

Feliksa Isles "Felicia Garbowski" 70, of Saint Joseph, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2010.

She was born January 6, 1940 in Poland, daughter of Anita and Ralph Garbowski. She graduated from Convent of Sacred Heart high school, and attended the St. Stanislaus School. She taught school in Colorado, and Kansas.

Feliksa was preceded in death by Son, Todd Benner, and a Sister, Anne Harrison.

Survivors include her parents, Ralph and Anita Garbowski of St. Joseph, a Daughter, Allison Fay Foster of Denver, CO, two Brothers, Casey Garbowski of San Diego, CA, and Richard Garbowski of Devlin, ON, and a Sister, Halina Garbowski of Pflugerville, TX, 3, Grandchildren, Neices and Nephews.

A Mass of Commemoration will be celebrated Tuesday, Feb. 23 at St. James Catholic Church. Father Joseph Totton Celebrant. The Inurnment be at later date. Online condolence and obituary at [www.ruppfuneral.com](http://www.ruppfuneral.com).

**MARILEE GRIPPANDO**

1939-2010 | Age 70

Marilee Grippando 70, of Saint Joseph, passed away Friday, February 19, 2010 at her home.

She was born May 23, 1939 in St. Joseph daughter of Dorma and Clarence Hamm. She married John Grippando Jr. on March 19, 1960. She retired from Arnolds Nursing Home as a Nurse Aide after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Church of God.

Marilee was preceded in death by her parents and a son Ronald Grippando, two Sisters, Karen Whitten, and Judy Root.

Survivors include Husband, John Grippando of the home. four Sons, John R. and wife Mona Grippando, Jerry Dean Grippando, Dennis and wife Becky Grippando and Brian & wife Michelle Grippando all of St. Joseph, three Brothers, Roy Hamm, Dean Hamm, and, Gary Hamm all of St. Joseph, two Sisters, Patty Guardado of Savannah, MO, and Donita Kier of St. Joseph, 17, Grandchildren, 6, Great Grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Rupp Funeral Home, Rev. Charles Steele officiating. The Interment will be at the Ashland Cemetery, Memorials are requested to the Marilee Grippando memorial fund in care of the Rupp Funeral Home. Online condolence and obituary at [www.ruppfuneral.com](http://www.ruppfuneral.com).

**WALTER L. HENDERSON**

1932-2010 | Age 77

Walter "Walt" L. Henderson, 77, St. Joseph, died Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the Missouri Veteran's Home in Cameron, MO.

Mr. Henderson was born October 19, 1932. He married Sandra Henderson on April 23, 2007. She survives of the home.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Don and Kenny Henderson; and sister, Beverly Routh.

Mr. Henderson was a veteran of the US Army, where he served during the Korean War. He worked at Armour Foods, and retired from the City of St. Joseph. He was a basketball coach and enjoyed all sports.

Additional Survivors: step-children, Jessica Uehlin and Chad Moutray, St. Joseph; and eight step-grandchildren.

Services 3:00 P.M. Saturday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family will receive friends 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Friday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. The Family suggests

memorial gifts to the Open Door Food Kitchen of St. Joseph.

Online guests book and obituary at [www.meierhoffer.com](http://www.meierhoffer.com).

**CARROLL C. HICKS**

1930-2010 | Age 80

Carroll C. Hicks, 80, St. Joseph, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at a local health care facility.

Mr. Hicks was born January 14, 1930 in Coffeyville, KS, the son of Roger Lee and Frances (Connett) Hicks.

Carroll graduated from Benton High School in 1947 and the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a B.A. degree. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a Pilot during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Carroll married Leila W. Dale on May 1, 1961. She survives of the home.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Roger, Charles and Wes Hicks.

Mr. Hicks retired from the Air Force and from the St. Joseph News-Press as the Head of the Accounting Department.

He was a member of the Benton Club; the Air Force Association; the Retired Officers Association; and was a fellow member of the Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art where he was the former President and Treasurer. Carroll was also a long time volunteer at the Bartlett Center.

(Survivors:) son, Elliot Hicks, St. Joseph; daughter, Alicia Halpin and husband, Donald, St. Louis, MO; and four grandchildren, Zack and Forrest Hicks and Reece and Margaret Rose Halpin.

Memorial Services Friday, Feb. 26 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial gifts to Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art or a charity of the donor's choice. Online guests book and obituary at [www.meierhoffer.com](http://www.meierhoffer.com).

**JAYME JENSEN**

1958-2010 | Age 52

Jayme Jensen 52, of St. Joseph, passed away Thursday, February 25, 2010 in Cameron, MO.

He was born January 31, 1958 in Madelia, MN, son of Sharon and Raymond Jensen. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include Parents, a Daughter, Taylor Closs and her mother Joy Closs of Theodosia, MO, a Maternal Grandmother Catherine Guyer, nephews Joshua Jensen, Brad Jensen and niece Lana Jensen. a Brother, Lanny Jensen, a Sister, Dawn Jensen both of St Joseph, and Gerald Green and Scott Parker friends who took care of him, and several Aunts and Uncles

Mr. Jensen was cremated under the direction of the Rupp Funeral Home. Online condolence and obituary at [www.ruppfuneral.com](http://www.ruppfuneral.com).

**WANDA F. KLEIN**

1915-2010 | Age 94

Wanda Faye Klein, 94, St. Joseph, died Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at her home.

Wanda was born October 30, 1915 in St Joseph, the daughter of Joseph and Fannie (Weidman) Nold. She married Charles "Fritz" Klein on January 14, 1937. He preceded her in death February 17, 2004.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Clarence Nold.

Wanda was a member of Clair United Methodist Church, and Order of the Eastern Star #145, Cosby, MO.

She was a homemaker and cook at Platte Valley (Bessie Ellison) School. (Survivors:) daughter, Jean

Bodenhausen (Alan), St. Joseph; son Gary Klein (Teresa), St. Joseph; grandchildren, Jeff Bodenhausen (Peggy), Travis Klein (Amanda), Tyson Klein (Donnielle), Jennifer Mann (Gregg), Tarih Johnson (Richard), and Talia Klein; nine great grandchildren; nieces, Patty Hartenbower (Scooter) and Pam Schrick (Jim); several great nieces and nephews; her beloved friend, Verzene Martin; and her beloved pet, Frisky.

Services 1:00 P.M. Thursday, Clair United Methodist Church. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the Family suggests memorial gifts to Clair United Methodist Church.

Online guests book and obituary at [www.meierhoffer.com](http://www.meierhoffer.com).

**LLOYD V. KRETZSCHMER**

1957-2010 | Age 52

Lloyd Vincent Kretzschmer Jr. 52, of Saint Joseph, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at his home. He was born July 25, 1957 in St. Joseph, son of Mary and Lloyd Kretzschmer Sr.

He graduated from Benton High School. He worked at Altec Industries. He was a Christian.

Lloyd was preceded in death by Mother, Mary Kretzschmer.

Survivors include Father, Lloyd Vincent Kretzschmer Sr. of Saint Joseph, 3 Brothers, Lonnie Kretzschmer of St. Joseph, Leon Kretzschmer of Bloomington, IN, and Larry Hartman of Raytown, MO, 6 Sisters, Linda Kennedy of Springfield, MO, Lois Young, Laura Rice, Lenora Rice, Leona Campbell, Lydia Lafollette all of St. Joseph, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Friday, February 26, 2010, at the Rupp Funeral Home, Pastor Tim Doyle officiating. The Interment will be at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Online condolence and obituary at [www.ruppfuneral.com](http://www.ruppfuneral.com).

**CHARLES LEUPOLD, SR.**

1930-2010 | Age 79

Charles J. Leupold, Sr., 79, St. Joseph, died Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Leupold was born August 9, 1930 in Frankfort, KS, the son of Charles T. and Alice G. (Bentsen) Leupold.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald Leupold; and sister, Helen Leupold.

Mr. Leupold was the owner and operator of the Charlies Bargain Shop and worked at the Elks Club and the Robidoux Hotel.

(Survivors:) son, Charles J. Leupold, Jr. Kansas; daughter, Diane Cox; sister, JoAnn Conboy, Arlington, TX; six nieces and nephews, Tracy Renaud, St. Joseph, Tammy Didier (Steve), Clearwater, ID, Todd McDonell, St. Joseph; Troy McDonell, Arlington, TX; Donald Leupold, Jr., St. Joseph and Leigh Acton, St. Joseph.

Services Tuesday, March 2nd at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Ashland Cemetery. Online guests book and obituary at [www.meierhoffer.com](http://www.meierhoffer.com).

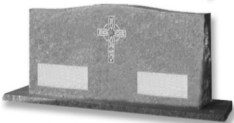
**TODD A. MCDOWELL**

1973-2010 | Age 36

Todd Anthony McDowell 36, of Rushville, MO passed away Friday, February 19, 2010.

He was born October 1, 1973 in St. Joseph. He graduated from West Platte High School in 1992.

Todd was preceded in death by Paternal Grandmother, Hazel McDowell, Maternal Grandfather, Ralph Mauzey, Maternal Great

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