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**SHIRLEY J. ALLEN**

1937 - 2009 | Age 72

Shirley Joann Allen went to be with her Heavenly Father on Thursday, November 5, 2009.

Joann was born March 15, 1937 near Clarksdale, Mo. She married the late Richard Allen on September 10, 1965.

She is survived by a daughter, Jolene Weese of California and a son, Paul Griffin of Colorado. She leaves behind three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends.

The body will be cremated by Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. The family will have a private graveside inurnment at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Kendallwood Hospice.

**MARY E. BROWN**

1937 - 2009 | Age 72

Mary Ellen Brown, 72, St. Joseph, passed away Saturday, November 7, 2009, at her home.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Brown, of the home; one son, Dennis Brown, Kansas City, MO; daughter, Jan Mecke-Brown, St. Joseph; sister-in-law, Lois Nichols and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Brown has been cremated under the direction of Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel.

**CYNTHIA A. CRAIG**

1958 - 2009 | Age 51

Cynthia Ann Craig 51, of Saint Joseph, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at a St. Joseph Hospital.

She was born January 10, 1958 in St. Joseph, daughter of Delores and Walter Bradley.

She worked at Bags & Boxes and More as a Machine Operator. She enjoyed gardening, darts, reading, playing with her puppies, photography and always made sure to feed the birds and squirrels. She attended St. Patricks Catholic Church.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her parents, two Brothers, Dennis Bradley, and Glen Bradley, and a sister, Anita Bradley.

Survivors include husband, William "Bill" Craig of Saint Joseph, MO, daughter, Ashley Russell, two sons, Joshua Russell, and Bradley Russell, two step Daughters, Jennifer Oden of Atchison, KS, and Rebecca Schmidt of Nortonville, KS., step son, Jamie Craig of San Antonio, TX, a Brother, Joe

Bradley of Elgin, TX. 6 step sons.

A Memorial service will be conducted on Friday, November 27, 2009 at 3:00 PM, at the Rupp Chapel, The family will receive friends from 1 to 2pm on Friday at the Rupp Funeral Home. Ms. Craig has been cremated under the direction of the Rupp Funeral Home. online condolence and obituary at [www.ruppfuneral.com](http://www.ruppfuneral.com)

**JESSIE M. FARRELL**

1923 - 2009 | Age 86

Jessie M. (Ellsworth) Farrell, 86, of St. Joseph, passed away Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Hamburg, Iowa, and lived in St. Joseph most of her life. She married Richard Farrell of Creston, Iowa on August 25, 1975, and he preceded her in death. She was previously married to Lee W. Ellsworth, on May 17, 1943. She owned and operated her own grocery store called Ellsworth Grocery on South 16th from 1958 to 1963. She also owned and managed several rental investments.

Jessie was also preceded in death by her parents; Luther and Lula (Ward) Edwards; daughter, Juanita Lee Thorp; grandson, Larry Lynn Pilgram, Jr.; four brothers, Charlie Osborn, Chester Edwards, Calvin Edwards, Cedric Edwards; two sisters, Bernice Perry and Doris Carpenter.

Survivors include daughters, JoAnn Cobb, Jackie Kay Butler and her husband Gary L. Butler, all of St. Joseph; and two grandsons, Kevin Thorp and Jason Pilgram. She was also blessed with one special granddaughter, Caitlynn Butler. She has three great-grandchildren, Ashton Pilgram, Alexandra Pilgram, and Jadon Pilgram. The last of her living brothers is Albert Earl Branson.

Funeral Services were Monday, Nov. 9th at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Rev. H. Stephen Elder officiating. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Jason Pilgram, Kevin Thorp, Gary Butler, Mark Young, Jimmy Edwards and Chase Gilliard.

**FREDERICK B. FRINK**

1944 - 2009 | Age 65

Frederick Bernard Frink 65, of Saint Joseph, passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at his home.

He was born June 16, 1944 in Winthrop, MA, son of Dorothy and Frederick Frink. He worked at as a Maintenance man.

Frederick was preceded in death by his parents, Survivors include two daughters, Debbie Teed and husband David of St. Joseph, and Tammie Bishop of California, and grandchildren, Kara & Micheal Taylor, Jennifer Frink, and a great grandchild, Parker Smith, and a Brother, Jerry Frink of Washington.

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

**DELPHIA GILLISPIE**

1940 - 2009 | Age 69

Delphia J. (Nitzsche) Gillispie, 82, Savannah, Mo., passed away Thursday, November 19, 2009, at a Savannah health care center.

Delphia was born on September 30, 1927, in Rulo, NE.

She was a graduate of Platt-Gard Business School. She was a homemaker and in 1965 went to work as a Secretary at Schreiber Mills in St. Joseph, and then Hall Lumber Co and Burns Feed in Savannah, MO. She retired from Farm Credit in 1991.

Delphia was an active member of Savannah United Methodist Church; American Legion Dick Munkres Post #287 Auxiliary; Andrew Co. Historical Society; Savannah Women's Club; RSVP volunteer; Friends of the Library and Business and Professional Women's Club.

Delphia married Bill W. Gillispie on April 10, 1948 in St. Joseph. Bill passed away On June 6, 1966. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one grandchild.

Delphia will be missed by her children, Randy Gillispie and wife Linda, Savannah, MO; Vicki Kennon and husband Jerry, Van Horne, IA; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 23rd at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel, St. Joseph, MO. Rev. Doyle Farmer officiating. Inurnment in Savannah (MO) Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Savannah Branch of Rolling Hills Library for Large Print Best Sellers.

**ELNORA J. GORMAN**

1924 - 2009 | Age 85

Elnora Jane Gorman, 85, King City, died Wednesday, November 11, 2009.

She was born October 3, 1924 in DeKalb County, Mo., the daughter of N.B. and Dollie (Davis) Callahan.

On November 11, 1945, she married Daniel James Gorman. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include a niece, Linda Carter; and special friends: Patty Fugate and family, Stanberry, Mo.; and Sheila Hodge and family, King City, Mo.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 15, at the King City First Christian Church. Burial in Union Star Cemetery, Union Star, Mo.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Education Youth Program in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 153, King City, Mo. 64463

**TOM HAYWARD**

1940 - 2009 | Age 69

Tom Hayward 69, of Easton, Mo. passed away on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at his home.

Tom was born on March 2, 1940 in Savannah, Mo. and had worked for Swift's, Herzog and spent several years as an over the road truck driver. Tom enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching nascar, playing cards, pool and huge family dinners.

Tom married Wilma Kay Byous May 14, 1960. She preceded him in death on April 14, 1997. He later married Ursula Cook on June 16, 2000. She survives of the home.

Tom was preceded in death by Herb Barnes, Glen and Emma Byous, Lloyd and Mary Lou Byous, Steven Cook and Valerie Szczepanik.

Additional survivors include one daughter, Vicki Ball (Mike); two sons, Rick Hayward (Linda) and Jeff Cook;

five grandchildren, Charles Cline, Jr. (Cassie), Eric Cline (Jenni), Keri Hoyt (Terence), Dalton and Tyson Cook; three great-grandchildren, Riley, Brin and Landon Thomas Cline; John and Sandy Byous, Lois Barnes, Peggy Byous, Christine Bartlow (Jim), Casey White, (Frank), George Szczepanik (Karen), John Szczepanik (Connie), Stephanie Sawyer (Arthur), Irene Westlake (Rex), Susie Holiman (Marvin), Scott Szczepanik (Chrissy), Richard Szczepanik (Tracy), and aunts, uncles and nieces and nephews.

Services Monday, Nov. 9th at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Rev. Brian Williams officiating. Interment Bowen Cemetery, Easton, Mo.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Relay For Life.

Pallbearers: Troy Byous, Ryan Byous, Pat Garrett, Corey Jackson, Danny Reardon, Mike Berkamp, Monte Johnson and Tink Corkins

**HELEN H. HEDRICK**

1911 - 2009 | Age 98

Helen Hazel Hedrick, 98, Santa Maria, CA, died Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Marion Medical Center.

Helen was born October 13, 1911 in Sedalia, MO, the daughter of Ernest and Irma Beger. After graduating from Waco, TX High School she attended Baylor University receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1932.

She then began a teaching career that spanned 36 years. She began teaching in Shepherd School in rural Buchanan County Mo, returning back to Texas to teach in Waco and Dallas.

On August 18, 1945 she married Clarence B. Hedrick and moved to St. Joseph. She began teaching there in Hyde School and then in Hall School until her retirement in 1974. In 2001 they moved to Santa Maria, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband Clarence, who died in 2002.

They were charter members of Faith United Church in St. Joseph.

(Survivors:) brother-in-law, Jack D. Cooper; nephew, David S. Cooper both of Santa Maria; two nieces, Patricia Ball, Sidney, NE and Barbara Panczyk, Mount Prospect, IL.

Services: Friday, Nov. 20th, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial donations to Faith United Church.

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

**ERNEST G. LANGNER**

1909 - 2009 | Age 99

Ernest George Langner, 99, of St. Joseph, passed away on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at a local health care center.

Ernest was born on December 23, 1909 in Saxton, Mo. to George C. and Caroline R. (Halter) Langner. He was a warehouseman with Missouri Water and Steam.

He married Myrtle M. Meister on November 24, 1937 in St. Joseph. She preceded him in death on May 5, 1995. He was also preceded by two sisters, Mary and Catherine.

He is survived by his children Catherine M. Hill (Bob), Bonaparte, IA, Kathleen F. Whitesel (Ron), Excelsior Springs, MO, Robert G. Langner, St. Joseph, Anna M. Poole, Eagle Point, OR; one brother, Larry Langner (Beverly), York, NE, one sister, Marietta Schottel, St. Joseph; nine

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