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**MILDRED AITCHISON**

1911 - 2009 | Age 98

Mildred F. Aitchison, 98, St. Joseph, died December 23, 2009 at a Savannah, Mo. health care center.

She was born November 10, 1911 to Floyd and Jennie (Lightle) Hershaw in Fillmore, MO. She lived most of her life in St. Joseph. She was a graduate of Fillmore High School.

She was a co-owner of Aitchison-Richmond Supply Company, and served as the secretary/treasurer. Mildred was a member of Antioch Christian Church and belonged to Radiant Chapter, No. 88 and O.E.S. for 59 years.

Mildred married Karl D. Aitchison June 7, 1935 and he preceded her in death. Mildred was also preceded by parents; and sister, Ethel Nease.

Survivors include three sisters, Genila McGuire, Cloma Christmas, Regina Puett; one brother, Wendell Henshaw; several nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and great-great nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Aitchison has been cremated under the direction of Heaton-Bowman-Smith and Sidenfaden Chapel. There will be a memorial service at a later date.



**EARL ATLAKSON**

1925 - 2009 | Age 84

Earl Atlakson, 84, St. Joseph, died December 29, 2009 at his residence.

Earl was born April 10, 1925 in Monrovia, Kansas. He graduated from Atchison High School in 1943 and had served in the Air Force. Earl married Dorothy Brown in 1949 and they lived in Atchison, Kansas until 1961 when they relocated to St. Joseph.

Earl retired as sales manager for Prudential Insurance Company in 1985. He was an active member and deacon of King Hill Baptist Church since 1961. Earl was involved in a lot of projects having to do with the betterment of the city, South Side, and his church. He was a member of the South Side Rotary Club since 1963, serving as President in 1989, and involved in founding the South St. Joseph Progressive Association, serving as President in 1989. Earl spearheaded the Adopt-a-Highway program in the

South Side and the erection of the service club sign, was instrumental in the erection of the teepee across from Hyde Park, as well as, starting the South Side Fall Festival, being named Grand Marshall in 2003. He wrote a column about South side activities for *The Saint Joseph Telegraph*. He was involved with the YMCA and was a delegate to the Missouri Republican Convention. He played semi pro baseball and enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren play sports. Earl loved to read, travel, play golf and spend time with his family and was a friend to all and generous to those in need.

Surviving are his wife Dorothy and four children and spouses, Stephen, Chris (Derissa), of St. Joseph; Phil (Carol), Boise, Idaho, and Diane (David) Walker, Wichita, KS; thirteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two step great grandchildren; and one brother, Keith (Dorothy Jean), Atchison, KS.

Services were held Saturday, January 2, at the King Hill Baptist Church. Interment followed in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Atchison, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the King Hill Baptist Church Memorial Fund or Hands of Hope Hospice. In honor of the way Earl lived his life, the family requests that you help someone in need.

Online obituary and condolences at [www.clarksampson.com](http://www.clarksampson.com)

**DENNIS L. BAKER**

1948 - 2009 | Age 61

Dennis Lee Baker, 61, Altamont, MO, passed away Monday, December 28, 2009, at a local hospital.

Dennis was born November 26, 1948 to Theron and Anna Louise (Moreau) Baker in Jefferson City, MO. He graduated from North Kansas City High School. He was a welder for Ford Motor Company, where he worked for 37 years.

He married Shirley Evans November 17, 2006 in Gallatin, MO and she survives of the home.

Dennis was preceded in death by his mother, Anna (Moreau) Baker; and brother, Curtis Allen Baker.

Additional survivors include son, Daniel Baker of St. Joseph; daughter, Michele Johnson of Kansas City, MO; step-daughter, Jaimie Bonze of Cameron, MO; step-son, Bobby Deluca of Independence, MO; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; father, Theron Baker of Smithville, MO; and two sisters, Marian Baker and Rita Baker, both of St. Augustine, FL.

Services Thursday, Dec. 31 at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Pastor Robert Nelson officiating. Interment Winston Cemetery, Winston, MO.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the funeral home to be used by the family for funeral expenses

**KATHLEEN CLOWER**

1950 - 2009 | Age 59

Kathleen "Kathy" Clower, 59, St. Joseph, passed away Saturday,

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December 19, 2009, at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

Kathy was born on March 11, 1950 in Wahoo, Nebraska, and was raised in Kansas City, MO. She was a graduate of Oak Park High School and then Northwest MO State University in Maryville, MO. While in college, she met and later married Kenneth Wayne Clower.

Kathy began her teaching career as a 4th grade teacher at East Buchanan in the 1970s, and later returned to teaching at Robidoux Middle School, from where she retired in the mid-2000s. She was a past president and member of the PTA at Pickett Elementary School; member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and Sigma Society. She was active in Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of America, Troop/Pack 215.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Rose Marie (Saladino) Lopour and her husband Kenneth in 2007.

Survivors include two sons, Kyle (Ginger) Clower, Madison, WI and Kellen Clower of St. Joseph; one sister Eileen (Steve) Ford and nephew Paul Ford of Kansas City, MO.

Memorial Service 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Mr. Bill Pearce officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Susan G. Komen for the Cure

**RUBY R. FATTIG**

1927 - 2009 | Age 82

Ruby Ruth Fattig, 82, St. Joseph, passed away Saturday, December 26, 2009 at a local health care facility.

Ruby was born October 26, 1927 to Emery and Louisa (Burgess) Hunter in St. Joseph. She was a housewife.

She was married to Woodrow W. Fattig February 28, 1945 in St. Joseph. He preceded her in death in 1997. Ruby was also preceded in death by her parents; an brother, Charles Hunter.

Survivors include son, Gerald Fattig and his wife, Connie Marie; daughter, Dixie Waller and her husband, Robert all of St. Joseph; six grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services: Monday, Dec. 28 at Bible Baptist Temple. Pastor Gary Williams officiating. Interment Mt. Auburn Cemetery under the direction of Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel.

Pallbearers: Tony Purcell, James Purcell, Quentin Vaughn, Don Babushak and John Hamilton.

**ALVINA L. FLINN**

1941 - 2009 | Age 68

Alvina L. Flinn, 68, Union Star, MO, went to be with the Lord, Sunday, December 27, 2009.

Born August 13, 1941 in Amity, MO, to Loren C. and Idabell (Craig) Riggs. Alvina lived most her life in Union Star. She graduated from Clarksdale High School.

Alvina married Ronald R. Flinn on August 14, 1959 in Stewartsville, MO, who survives of the home.

She was a homemaker and loved farming with her husband.

Alvina was preceded in death by her parents; two brother, Charles and Frank Riggs; and her sister, Janice Riggs.

She was a member of the Clarksdale Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school.

(Survivors) three children, Rene Smith (Tim), Easton, MO, LaRay Brehm (Warren), Center, MO and

Dutch Flinn (Mary), Union Star; three siblings, Judy Sutton, Dennis and Wally Riggs; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

(Services:) 3:00 P.M. Thursday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial gifts to Clarksdale Baptist Church.

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

**DARELL GEORGE**

1942 - 2009 | Age 67

Darell George, 67, St. Joseph, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2009, at a Kansas City, MO hospital.

Darell was born on January 31, 1942, in Forest City, MO to Lawrence H. and Emma Rose (Dryden) George. He was a graduate of Forest City High School and then served in the US Air Force. Darell was a farmer most of his life, and also worked for Nestle Purina Co.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Darell married the former Sharon Kay Elliott. She survives of the home. Other survivors include son, Mark Allen George, St. Joseph; daughter, Robin Ann Bub and husband Robert, Leawood, KS; grandchildren, Kendall and Jameson Bub; and four brothers, Dennis George, Forest City, MO, Delbert George, Lexington, MO, Dwane George, Montebello, CA and Danny George, Camdenton, MO.

Mr. George has been cremated under the direction of Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Camp Quality.

**SHARON KAY GRABLE**

1938 - 2009 | Age 71

Sharon Kay Grable, 71, Clarksdale, Mo., daughter of Welton and Kathleen (Belcher) Wilhelm, was born October 4, 1938 in Clarksdale and passed away December 27, 2009 in St. Joseph.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Damin Blake and darrin Lee; one sister, Marjorie King; and the father of her children, Garold Lee Grable.

Survivors include two daughters, Dannin Grable and Dondi Green; one son, Dayan Grable; one daughter-in-law, Shawen Grable; three sisters, Donna Frizell, Elizabeth Daniels, and Jeannie Wiedmaier; seven grandchildren: Nathan, Drew (Chrysti), and Aria Grable; Jordan and Jacey McCall; Matthew and Haley Green; one great-granddaughter, Janie Lou Grable.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Clarksdale Cemetery, Clarksdale, Mo. Arrangements under the direction of Bram-Turner Funeral Home, Maysville, Mo.

**HELEN GRIMES**

1919 - 2009 | Age 90

Helen "Shorty" Grimes 90, of Saint Joseph, passed away Monday, December 21, 2009.

She was born October 25, 1919 in St. Joseph, daughter of Rose and Frank Thomas. She worked at Swift and Co for 25 years and the D & G Restaurant for 30 years. She enjoyed fishing. She was Catholic.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and a Granddaughter, Kimberly Barker, and Grandson, Sean Barker.

Survivors include Son, Hilton Grimes of Saint Joseph, Daughter, Patti Barker of Stockton, MO, and a Brother, Frank