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### TAMRA R. BOWEN

1951-2009 | Age 58

Tamra "Tammy" R. Bowen, 58, St. Joseph, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, January 5, 2010 after a victorious and courageous battle with cancer.

Tammy was born February 16, 1951 to Warren and Ada Bea (Long) Bowen in Bethany, MO, where she spent most of her childhood. They later moved to St. Joseph and she was a graduate of Central High School class of 1969. She earned her license and served as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Methodist Hospital, Heartland Regional Medical Center and Northwest Missouri Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center.

Tammy was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Lyndon Bowen.

Survivors include her son, Chad Albus, St. Joseph; daughter, Danielle Miller and her husband, Dean of St. Joseph; grandchildren, Drew and Callie Miller; brothers, Gregg, and Dennis and his wife, Susie Bowen all of St. Joseph.

Services Saturday, Jan. 9 Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Pastor Aaron Robb officiating. Interment Miriam Cemetery, Bethany, MO.

The family suggests memorial contributions to McCarthy Baptist Church.

Pallbearers: Dean Miller, Drew Miller, Greg Bowen, Dennis Bowen, Norm Alley and John Potect.

### JOHN W. BRETZ

1926 - 2009 | Age 83

John W. Bretz, 83, St. Joseph, passed away Thursday January 7, 2010 at a Savannah, MO health care center.

John was born June 14, 1926 in Huntingburg, IN. He graduated from Maysville High School in 1946, later moving to Savannah, MO prior to moving to St. Joseph. John retired in 1994 from the Buchanan County Road and Bridge Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orvie and Mary Bretz, wife, Donna, and a grandson, Donovan Newberry.

Surviving are a son, Edwin "Gene" (Michelle) Bretz ; two daughters, Susan (Lawrence) Newberry and Sitha Bretz (Jim Brinegar), several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Bretz has been cremated under the direction of Clark-Sampson Funeral Home. Memorial services Saturday, Jan. 9 at the funeral home with Pastor Tim Champ officiating.

A private inurnment will be held at a later date in the Faucett Cemetery,

Faucett, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family, c/o Clark-Sampson Funeral Home.

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

### HAROLD K. BROWN

1920 - 2009 | Age 89

Harold Keller Brown, 89, St. Joseph, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at a St. Joseph health care center.

Harold was born on July 19, 1920, in Rushville, MO, to Victor and Alice (Keller) Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Norma Sue Gannaway and wife, Bernice Kathryn Brown in 1984.

Harold was employed from 1950-1978 by the St. Joseph Police Dept., retiring as Captain after twenty-eight years of service in law enforcement. He then was employed as a Security Guard at St. Joseph State Hospital from 1979 - 1987. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police. He was a lifelong member of Sugar Creek Christian Church and was Vice-President of the Board of Sugar Creek Cemetery. He also attended Woodson Chapel Christian Church in St. Joseph.

Harold will be sadly missed by his son Roger (Cathy) Brown, Lee's Summit, MO; daughters, Linda (Mike) Hazlip, Edmond, OK and Judy Hill, St. Joseph; nine grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Services Saturday, Jan. 2 at the Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Rev. Robert E. Hodkins officiating. Interment Sugar Creek Cemetery, Rushville, MO. Pastor Keith Hoovers officiating.

The family suggests memorials to Hands of Hope Hospice.

Pallbearers: Joshua Miller, Darren Hill, Eric Hill, Kevin Smith, Cooper Brown, Colby Brown, Carson Brown.

### HAROLD W. COLE

1935 - 2009 | Age 74

Harold W. Cole, 74, St. Joseph, died, Monday, December 28, 2009 at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

Born April 1, 1935 in Amazonia, MO. He resided in St. Joseph most of his life. He was the son of Charles Marion and Bessie (Reed) Cole. He married Mary Holmes on September 19, 1958. She survives of the home.

Harold retired from MO American Water Company, as manager after 43 years of service. He worked his way up starting as a Laborer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles Junior, Wilson and Clyde Cole; and his sister, Mary Ann Pryor.

Harold was a member and Deacon of Wyatt Park Baptist Church, serving on the Personnel, Church Council, Executive and Pulpit Search Committees, worked and volunteered with the Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew, Leader for the church at the local food kitchen, was one of the Lead Ushers/greeters and served on the Church Sanctuary Planning Committee for New Sanctuary. He also was a member of the St. Joseph Lodge #78 A.F. & A.M.; 32nd Degree Scottish

Rite Mason; Molia Shrine; High-Twelve; Kiwanis International; St. Joseph Safety Council Member; St. Joseph Industrial Foundation; and the Friday Morning Breakfast Club.

(Survivors) his son, Bradley W. Cole, NJ; three grandsons, Jacob, Matthew and Eric Cole all of NJ; three sisters, Esther Thorburn (Robert), Fillmore, MO, Gloria Stephens, Stewartsville, MO and Betty Hinkle, St. Joseph; numerous nieces and nephews.

(Services:) Saturday, Jan. 2 at Wyatt Park Baptist Church. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial gifts to Wyatt Park Baptist Building Fund.

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

### NATHAN P. CUNDIFF

1981-2009 | Age 28

Nathan Patrick Cundiff, 28, Farrelview, MO., went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 28, 2009.

Nathan was born August 25, 1981 in St. Joseph. He was a graduate of Mid-Buchanan High School. He was employed in sales for Avis Rent A Car a job he truly loved and excelled at. He was also a member of the Agency Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Jay E. Cundiff.

Survivors include mother and stepfather, Susan and Gene Ritchheart, Agency, MO; father, Patrick Cundiff, Lenexa, KS; brother, Adam and wife, Amanda Cundiff, and niece, Cali Cundiff, Kansas City, MO; maternal grandparents: Jane and Charles Dilley; paternal grandmother, Earlene Cundiff; maternal uncle, Chuck Dilley; paternal uncles, Mike and Jay Cundiff; maternal aunt, Cathy Schwartz and paternal aunt, Kathy Krumme.

Mr. Cundiff has been cremated under the direction of Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Memorial Service Sunday, January 3rd at King Hill Baptist Church, Pastor Keith Manning officiating. Inurnment at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to King Hill Baptist Church Children's Ministry Fund or to Children's Mercy Hospital.

### WILLIAM J. DAILY, SR.

1926 - 2009 | Age 83

William J. "Bill" Daily, Sr. 83, of St. Joseph, passed away on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the local hospital.

Bill was born on March 21, 1926 to William M. and Stella (Scott) Daily in St. Joseph.

Bill graduated from Central High School in 1944 and served in the United States Army during World War II.

Bill was co-owner of Myers Roofing Company. He attended Copeland Baptist Church. He loved woodworking and square dancing, and was a member of the Savannah Sashayer Club. He enjoyed coaching Little League for several years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Kathleen Thornton, DeLorse McNulty, Ruth Metzker.

Bill married his wife of 60 years, Beverly Myers on December 9, 1949 in St. Joseph. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include, son, William J. "Billy Joe" (Janice) Daily, Jr.; Grandchildren, Angela (Joe) Huber, Matthew (Kristi) Daily; Step-grandchildren, Kim (David) King; six great-grandchildren, Joseph and Destiny Huber, Eli and Ella Daily, Landen and Rylan King; one sister, Louise Seever.

Services Saturday, Jan. 9 at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Rev. Charles Steele officiating. A private family burial will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Honorary Pallbearers: Walt Ashler, Russ Pettijohn, George Stallsworth, Joe Glenski, John Roberts and Leonard Powell.

### WALTER D. GAY

1932 - 2009 | Age 77

Walter D. Gay, 77, St. Joseph, died, Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at his residence.

Born April 10, 1932 in Whitesville, MO. He lived most of his life in St. Joseph. He was the son of William Claude and Marsha Agnes (Hailey) Gay. Walter served in the United States Army Reserves. He married Lois Mae Moran on June 12, 1971, survives of the home.

Walter worked for Swifts as a Tanker in the Glue House for 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Gary Lee Best; grandson, Jeremy Brown; granddaughter, Stacy Gray; and niece, Patricia Carr.

Walter was of the Baptist faith.

(Survivors) son, Ross B. Best (Laura), Folsom, LA; daughter, Sunny Gray; sister, Norma Webb (Marvin); nephew, Larry Carr; five grandchildren, Emily Best McClain, Katie Best Zerr, Folsom, LA, George L. Gray, Joanie Gray Haynes and Amy Gray DeSpain all of St. Joseph; 11 great grandchildren.

(Services:) Saturday, Jan. 9 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery.

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

### NORMA D. HERPEL

1939 - 2009 | Age 70

Norma Diana Herpel, 70, Cosby, MO, passed away Friday, January 1, 2010 at a local hospital.

Norma was born June 12, 1939 to Jewel Wilbur and Pearl Caroline (Bodenhausen) Theis in St. Joseph. She graduated from Savannah High School and Platt Business College.

She was married to Herald W. Herpel on March 6, 1960 in Cosby and he survives of the home. She was a dairy farmer and housewife and a member of Cosby Zion United Methodist Church.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; and son-in-law, Terry Powell.

Additional survivors include sons, Richard Herpel and his wife, Dorothy, Darrel Herpel and his wife, Pam; daughter, Julie Powell; grandson, Zachary Powell; step-grandchildren, Kevin Taylor and Raeanne Erickson; brother, Estel Theis and his wife, Leota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services Monday, Jan. 4 at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Rev. Judith M. Lloyd officiating. Interment Zion Cemetery, Cosby, MO.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Cosby Zion United Methodist Church or American Cancer Society.

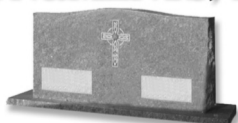
Pallbearers: Justin Herpel, Jeff Richter, Danny Shewmaker, John Osborn, Dale Kline and Gale Kline. Honorary Pallbearers: Mike Riggs and Danny Riggs.

### JOHN D. KEAN, JR.

1948 - 2009 | Age 61

John David "Dave" Kean Jr., 61, St. Joseph, passed away at his home on

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