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### JEAN BALES

1933-2009 | Age 76

Jean Bales 76, of Saint Joseph, passed away peacefully Saturday, January 9, 2010 at a Saint Joseph, health care center.

She was born August 16, 1933 in Elwood, KS, daughter of Lola and Keith Bales. She devoted 30 plus years of her life as the Owner-Operator of the Evergreen Kennel. Her love of animals was demonstrated by her care and protection of her four legged friends. She was a Pentecostal.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include a Sister, Sibyl Bales of St. Joseph, Niece, Sheryl Golden of Salem, MO, Two Nephews, Bob Garrison of Saint Joseph, and Scott Wilkinson of Salem, MO, Two great nieces, Beth Garrison of St. Joseph, and Sarah Pugh of Salem.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at the Rupp Funeral Home, Rev. Tom Frisbee officiating. The Interment will be at the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials are requested to the ASPCA or the St. Joseph Animal Shelter. Online condolence and obituary at [www.ruppfuneral.com](http://www.ruppfuneral.com).

### DANNY L. BANKS

1975-2009 | Age 34

Danny Lee Banks 34, of Saint Joseph, passed away Monday, January 18, 2010 at a Saint Joseph hospital.

He was born July 14, 1975 in St. Joseph. He worked at I&M Machine Shop as a Powder Coater. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Survivors include, his Mother, Diana Fisher and her husband Michael Fisher of Burlington Junction, MO, his Father, Steven Sanders, six children Shelby Jo, Shane, Danica, Makayla, Dallas, and Jordan, a Brother, Joshua Fisher of Maryville, MO, and a Sister, Sabrina Hughes of Kansas City, 1, niece, 2, nephew, and a his Maternal Grandmother, Wilma Banks and her companion David Bush of St. Joseph.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, January 22, 2010 at the Rupp Funeral Home, Pastor Aaron Robb officiating. The Interment will be at the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Online condolence and obituary at [www.ruppfuneral.com](http://www.ruppfuneral.com).

### GLADYS B. CAROTHERS

1912-2009 | Age 97

Gladys B. Carothers, 97, St. Joseph, passed away Monday, January 18,

2010, at a local health care center.

Gladys was born on June 8, 1912, in Chillicothe, MO to Joseph Van Kirk and Rosie M. (Collins) Beazell. She was a member of Huffman Memorial United Methodist Church, 102 River Extension Club and Needles Club at Moila.

She married Victor L. Carothers on December 26, 1949, in Chillicothe. He passed away on July 22, 1976. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Gladys is survived by step-daughter, Vicki Barton & husband Fred, Gladstone, MO; step-son, Craig Carothers & wife Karen, O'Fallon, IL; grandchildren, Dr. Thomas Barton & wife Cindy, Kansas City, MO, Karen Gloer & husband Josh, Sherman Oaks, CA, Brian Carothers, Chicago, IL, Kevin Carothers & wife Jeny, Chicago, IL; step-granddaughter, Kelly Underwood, O'Fallon, IL; and great-grandchildren, Abigail Barton and Daniel Barton.

It was Mrs. Carothers wish that her body be bequeathed to University of Missouri Medical School. Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Huffman Memorial United Methodist Church or to American Heart Association. Arrangements by Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel.

### CLINTON G. COULDRY, JR.

1961-2009 | Age 48

Clinton "Clint" George Couldry Jr. 48, of Saint Joseph, passed away Thursday, January 21, 2010 at his home in Saint Joseph,

He was born February 1, 1961 in St. Joseph, son of Carole and Clinton Couldry Sr. He graduated from Lafayette High School.

He married Georgeanna Garr on June 18, 1982, in St. Joseph. He worked at Missouri Dept of Transportation as a HVAC Technician. He was a Christian.

Clinton was preceded in death by his Mother, Carole Couldry.

Survivors include Wife, Georgeanna Couldry of Saint Joseph, Father, Clinton George Couldry Sr. of St. Joseph, two Sons, Cameron and Addison Couldry of St. Joseph, a Brother, Curtis Couldry of St. Joseph, and two Sisters, Cathie Lyle of St. Joseph, and Cheryl Webb of Elwood, KS.

A Memorial service was conducted Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at the Edge Church, St. Joseph. Mr. Couldry will be cremated under the direction of the Rupp Funeral Home. Online condolence and obituary at [www.ruppfuneral.com](http://www.ruppfuneral.com).

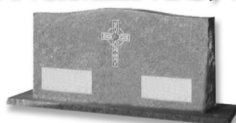
### KENNETH V. DILLEY

1950-2009 | Age 59

Kenneth V. Dilley, 59, St. Joseph, died Monday, January 18, 2010 at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Dilley was born June 11, 1950 in St. Joseph, the son of Vernon and Mary (Elder) Dilley who preceded him in death. He married Cathy Eiberger on September 25, 1970. She survives of the home.

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He was a veteran of the US Navy. Mr. Dilley was a welder for Snorkel International from 1973 to 2001. He also taught welding at Hillyard Technical School for over 20 years and NWMO Technical School for seven years. He was a welding judge for the VICA Skills USA Contest for seven years.

He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

(Additional Survivors:) son, Christopher Dilley (Megan), St. Joseph; daughter, Carrie Ann Dilley Johnson, St. Joseph; grandchildren, Garrett and Emma; sister, Sue Wells (Richard), St. Joseph; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services Friday, Jan. 22 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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

### LOUIS E. EIMAN, JR.

1921-2009 | Age 88

Louis E. Eiman, Jr., 88, St. Joseph, died Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

He was born on September 4, 1921 in St. Joseph, where he was a life long resident. He is the son of Louis Edwin, Sr. and Bertha (Stoos) Eiman. He married Suzanne Umstead in 1991. She survives of the home.

Louis was a Dairy and Grain farmer. Louis was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Arlene Kemp.

(Additional Survivors) four step children, Frank Umstead and wife, Laura, Lawson, MO, Christopher Umstead and wife Stacy, St. Louis, MO, Mary Rappaport and husband Gregg, Columbus, OH and William Umstead and wife Debbie, Raytown, MO; five step grandchildren, Matthew, Michael, John and Mark Umstead and Katie Cavin and husband, Danny; one step great grandchild, Devon Cavin; two brothers, William Eiman and wife Dorothy, Fort Collins, CO and Donald Eiman, St. Joseph; two nieces; and one nephew.

(Services) Saturday, Jan. 23 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial gifts to the Zion United Church of Christ or the St. Joseph Animal Shelter.

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

### MARGARET L. GASSEN

1922-2009 | Age 87

Margaret L. (Marge) Gassen, 87, a lifelong resident of St. Joseph, passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at LaVerna Village, Savannah.

Marge was born February 27, 1922 in St. Joseph, the daughter of John Arthur and Katherine Alice (Griffin) View, Sr.

She married Herbert Anthony Gassen on June 13, 1942. Throughout most of her life she was a homemaker. After the birth of her last child she went to work at Boehringer Ingelheim as a chemist assistant until her retirement.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brothers, John, Clarence and Albert View.

Survivors: children, Don Gassen (Shirley), Aurora, CO, Cathy Gassen,

Lee's Summit, MO, Mary Butt (Randy), Holden, MO, Steve Gassen (Vicki), Houston, TX, Tina Gassen (Steve Baudoin), Manhattan, KS, and Scott Gassen (Karen), Houston, TX; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services Friday, Jan. 22 at Horigan Chapel. Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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

### LORAL HAACK

1947-2009 | Age 62

Lora L. Haack 62, of St. Joseph, died Friday, January 15, 2010.

Lora was born on April 4, 1947 in Amity, MO. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and had worked for Pearl Nu-Way Laundry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, twin sister, Laura L. Haack; half brother, Denny Haack.

Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements: Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel.

### BERNIE HAVILAND

1920-2009 | Age 89

Bernie Coffman-Haviland, 89, of St. Joseph, passed away on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at Living Community of St. Joseph.

Bernie was born on October 26, 1920 in Marshall, AR to Edward and Ella (Adams) Denton.

She married Avon Coffman on August 23, 1941 in Excelsior Springs, MO. He preceded her in death in 1988. She later married Holmes Haviland on June 12, 1993. He preceded her in death in 2006. She was a widow of two World War II Veterans.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, Mark Coffman; granddaughter, Angela Coffman; six brothers and sisters.

She graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in St. Joseph on August 23, 1941. Bernie was an R.N. employed by the United States Navy. She was a member of Joyce Raye Patterson Kitchen Klatter Band, 58 year member of PEO Chapter FP and Order of Eastern Star, Forest City, MO for over 50 years.

She is survived by her children, Sandy (Howard) Dozier, St. Joseph, Missouri; Dr. Avon Coffman (Linda), Leawood, KS, Chris (Rich) Ferguson, Lees Summit, MO, niece, Frances Murphy, who spent many summers in Oregon; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service Saturday, Jan. 23 at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Rev. Mary Schrom Breese and Rev. Aric Bokker co-officiates.

Memorials can be made to the Moila Shriners Children Hospitals, or Three Rivers Hospice.

Honorary Pallbearers: Jeff Dozier, Scott Dozier, Allison Coffman, Zach Coffman, Betsy Coffman, Derek Ferguson, Makenzie Ferguson and Whitney Ferguson.

### FAYE V. HERBSTER

1914-2009 | Age 95

Faye Vere Herbster, 95, Stewartsville, MO, died Saturday, January 16, 2010 at a health care center in Plattsburg, MO.

Mrs. Herbster was born August 18, 1914 in Verdon, NE, the daughter of Ora Elmer and Ora Mae (Sherwood)