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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

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LESTER V. BENNETT, SR.

1946-2010 | Age 63

Lester Valentine Bennett Sr. 63, of Saint Joseph, passed away Friday, February 12, 2010 in a local health care center.

He was born August 8, 1946 in St. Joseph, son of Mary and Daniel Bennett. He graduated from Lafayette High School. He was a Bus Driver for Jefferson - Greyhound bus line, and also worked at Farley Plumbing. He was a Catholic.

Lester was preceded in death by Mother, Mary B. Bennett, Three Brothers, Dan W. Bennett, Carroll Omar Bennett and Robert G. Bennett.

Survivors include his Father, Daniel W. Bennett of St. Joseph, a Daughter, Trina Bennett of Bolckow, MO, three Sons, Lester V. Bennett Jr and wife Christine, Eric G. Bennett both of St. Joseph, Son, Billy Bennett of Kansas City, MO, his companion, Rosa Merritt of St. Joseph, a Brother, Don Bennett of St. Joseph, 7, Grandchildren, 13, Step Grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at the Rupp Funeral Home, Rev. James Barnett officiating. The Interment will be at the Agency Cemetery. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

MABEL BRAHLER

1916-2010 | Age 93

Mabel "Honey" Brahler, 93, St. Louis, MO, formerly of St. Joseph, died Sunday, February 14, 2010.

She was born June 21, 1916 in Brookfield, MO, the daughter of Fred Augusta and Clara Caroline (White) Tegeler. She attended Business College in Chillicothe, MO and was a graduate of St. Joseph Junior College. Mabel

married Walter J. Brahler on May 17, 1942. He preceded her in death on January 3, 2000.

Mabel was a bookkeeper for Hillyard Inc., until her retirement.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, James Frederick Brahler; and brother, Fred A. Tegeler, Jr.

Mabel was a member of the Huffman Memorial United Methodist Church for 25 years before moving to St. Louis in 2005; member of the PEO Chapter HC; Pearl Chapter #529 Order of the Eastern Star; Laureate Alpha Kappa of Beta Sigma Phi; Pony Express Chapter of Self-Help for the Hard of Hearing; Burlington Northern Veterans Auxiliary and Needles of Moila.

(Survivors:) son, Walter J. Brahler (Patricia), Colorado Springs, CO; daughters, Jerri Anne Brod (Herbert), Poulso, WA and Jo Ellyn Lock (Dennis), St. Louis; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; sister, Mary Riddle.

Memorial Service Thursday, Feb. 18 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Inurnment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial gifts to Huffman Memorial United Methodist Church or the Children's Shriner's Hospital. Online guests book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.

LADARIUS BURNSIDE

2009-2010 | Age 4 Mo.

LaDarius Maurice Kevaghn Burnside, four months old, died Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at his home.

LaDarius was born October 1, 2009 in St. Joseph, the son of Rod Roland Burnside and Lacey Watson.

(Additional Survivors:) grandparents, Rod Burnside, Plattsburg, MO, Bridget Murphy and her companion, David Hagg, Kansas City, MO, Danny Edwards and Lisa Watson, both of St. Joseph; uncles, Zach Burnside(Katie), Lathrop, MO, Justin Watson, Wichita, KS; aunts, Britny Burnside, Kansas City, MO, Temper Bryant, Kansas City, MO, Brittany Watson, S. Joseph, Kisty Watson, Wichita, KS; and several cousins and family friends.

Graveside Service and Interment Monday, Feb. 22 at Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial donations to the funeral home to help with expenses. Online guests book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com

BETTY J. CASTON

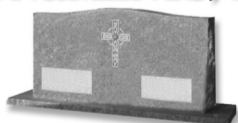
1935-2010 | Age 74

Betty J. Caston, 74, of St. Joseph passed away Sunday February 21, 2010, at a local health center.

Betty was born May 29, 1935 in Wathena, KS to Harold (Bud) and Mollie Hart. She lived in St. Joseph several years where she worked in the Dietary Department at the St. Joseph hospitals.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son, Greg, and a brother, Jerry Hart. Surviving are her aunt, Anna Keith, two nieces, two nephews, and several cousins.

Services were held Thursday, February 24, 2010, at the Clark-Sampson Funeral Home. Interment was in King Hill Cemetery. Online obituary and condolences at www.clarksampson.com

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DONELLA DENNEY

1928-2010 | Age 81

Donella "Donnie" Denney, 81, Savannah, MO, passed away Friday, February 19, 2010 at a local health care center.

Donnie was born April 17, 1928 in Savannah, MO, the daughter of Frank and Erma (Lippold) Young. She married Harold G. Denney on December 25, 1947. He preceded her in death on January 14, 2003.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; sons, Jack and Jerry Denney; and brother, Bill Young.

Donnie attended St. Joseph Business College and was a secretary for the North Andrew School Board. She also worked at the Savannah Reporter as a proofreader.

She was a member of Bolckow Christian Church, Bolckow, MO.

(Survivors:) daughter, Ellen M. Sybert, Savannah, MO; son, James (Jim) Frank Denney(Norma), Springfield, MO; brother, David Young, Hiasawee, GA; seven grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Services Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Mount Auburn Cemetery. Online guests book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.

MARCELLA ESTES

1926-2010 | Age 83

Marcella M. Estes, 83, St. Joseph, died Monday, February 15, 2010 at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Estes was born December 19, 1926 in Chamberlain, S.D., the daughter of Thomas and Gertrude (Smith) Mizar. She married John Ray Estes who preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; sister, Madeline Witt; brother, Thomas R. Mizar.

Mrs. Estes was a secretary for the St. Joseph State Hospital until her retirement. She was a member of McCarthy Baptist Church.

(Survivors:) son, Harold Sprague, Lake Oswego, OR; sister June Vanfossan, St. Joseph; three grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Services Thursday, Feb. 18 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Online guests book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.

VINCENT T. EVANS, SR.

1922-2010 | Age 88

Vincent T. Evans, Sr., 88, Helena, MO., passed away Thursday, February 18, 2010, at his home.

Vincent was born on January 30, 1922, in Gentry County, MO, to James and Grace (Pugh) Evans. He was a graduate of Helena High School and then attended Auctioneer School in Mason City, Iowa.

Vincent served in the Army during World War II, in the 215th Field Artillery Battalion in Germany. He then returned to the Helena area where he began his lifelong love of farming and auctioneering for sixty years.

Vincent was a member of Central Christian Church; charter member of Helena Lions Club; and member of various County Boards and Committees.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald Ray Evans and sisters, Betty Kuenzi and Mary Lou Lincoln and grandson, Nathan Kapp.

He married JoAnn Taube on May 1, 1948 and survives of the home. Vincent is also survived by his son, Vincent "Tom" Evans, Jr. (Dolores) Batavia, OH; daughter, Patricia Kapp

(Stan), Cosby, MO; son, Terry Evans (Deborah), Cosby; sister, Dorothy James (Robert), Bryan, TX; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Services Monday, Feb. 22 at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Pastor Russell Evans and Pastor Joel Mitchell co-officiating. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Joseph.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Central Christian Church Mission Fund. Pallbearers: Tyler Kapp, Christopher Evans, Shaun Anderson, Jason Anderson, John Mills, Spenser Reeder.

MICHAEL C. HOOVER

1942-2010 | Age 68

Michael Coleman Hoover died unexpectedly February 17, 2010 at North Kansas City Hospital following complications from surgery. He was born September 9, 1942 to Robert and Jeannette (Coleman) Hoover and grew up in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Michael was graduated from Southern Illinois University with a B.A. degree in Political Science, followed by an M.A. in Sociology. He taught at several colleges and completed his career with 21 years teaching Sociology and encouraging high academic standards at Missouri Western State University. He retired in 1998.

Michael was a reader and was never bored. He enjoyed bird watching, walks, naps, travel, hiking in the mountains and just sitting and watching tv with his cats and dogs.

Michael leaves his wife of 30 years Susan Elizabeth Sollars and their large family of rescued animals. He is survived by daughter, Leah Hoover Eckley "Derek" and grandchildren Nick and Emily Eckley, all of Tucson, AZ and daughter Ani Hoover of Buffalo, NY. Michael also is survived by his sister Ellan Hoover Maynard, her husband Peyton, and their children Joel and Anna of Raleigh, NC; brother Dan Hoover, Wellesley, MA, niece Cary Hoover, Colorado Springs, CO and nephew Bryan Hoover, Minocqua, WI.

Michael also leaves his St. Joseph family, mother-in-law Sue Bayless, Jerry and Charlotte Sollars, Ellen and Bill Schrupp, Greg Baldwin, Frances Lamb and his "brother" and colleague, Dr. Joe Kibirige.

No service is planned. The family will have a memorial service in the future. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the animal rescue organization of your choice would please Michael.

DORRINE LANDESS

1927-2010 | Age 82

Dorrine Hudson Landess Sollars, 82, St. Joseph, died Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at a local health care center.

She was born April 1, 1927, in St. Joseph, the daughter of William and Ruth (Pryor) Hudson.

Dorrine attended Lafayette High School and worked for Stetson Hat for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three sisters, Maxine Hudson Stoneburner, Terri Hudson Myers, and Leatrice Hudson.

Dorrine was a member of First Christian Church, Cameron, MO. She enjoyed gardening, fishing.

Survivors: husband, Jack Sollars, of the home; son, Bill Landess (Twyla), Grand Ledge, MI, and Terry Landess (Monica), St. Joseph; grandchildren, Matthew and Megan Landess, and Mallory and Jacob Bolin; stepsons, Jeff Sollars (Cindy) and Jay Sollars (Sheila); step-grandchildren, Clint,