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Grandmother, Gladys Mauzey, Uncle, Ralph Mauzey Jr.

Survivors include Mother, Dorothy Davidson of Saint Joseph, Father, Denny McDowell of Maysville, MO, Son, Jackson McDowell of Kansas City, MO, Four Brothers, Dennis McDowell and wife Buffy, and Brian McDowell both of St. Joseph, Dalton McDowell and Derrick McDowell both of Maysville, three Sisters, Dianna Downing and husband Tim of Rushville, Rebecca Call and husband Jesse and Kerry Jo McDowell both of St. Joseph, 3 Nieces, 4 nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The Memorial service was Friday, Feb. 26 at the Rupp Chapel. The Inurnment will be at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials are requested to the Jackson McDowell Education fund in care of the Nodaway Valley Bank. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

SHARON L. OWENS

1947-2010 | Age 62

Sharon L. Owens, 62, St. Joseph, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at a local health care facility after a courageous battle with cancer.

Sharon was preceded in death by her mother, Jonnie P. Vestal; and her daughter, Stacy Newey.

She is survived by her husband, John Owens, St. Joseph; son, Scott Staples, Kansas City; father, John S. Vestal; brother, Ronald Vestal both of St. Joseph; five grandchildren, Kayla Staples, Kansas City, Amber Newey, Jordan Newey, Chad Newey and Courtney Newey of Minneapolis, MN.

Sharon was born in Champaign, IL on July 25, 1947. As the daughter of an Air Force officer, she lived in several states during her childhood, and spent three years in Europe before moving to St. Joseph in 1961.

She graduated from Central High School in 1965. She married James Staples in 1966, they were later divorced. Sharon married John Owens of St. Joseph in 1982.

Sharon has donated her body to medicine research. It was her wish to have no visitation or funeral. The Sharon Owens Foundation has been established for the Furry Cove Animal Sanctuary. Donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 8951, St. Joseph, MO 64508.

Online guests book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.

OVIE L. PRITCHETT

1939-2010 | Age 70

Ovie Lee Pritchett 70, of Saint Joseph, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2010 at home.

He was born June 25, 1939 in Joplin, MO. He served in the Marines.

Ovie was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Survivors include Wife, Frances Pritchett of the home, 2 sons, Ovie Jr. and Phillip Pritchett, 4, step children, 4, grandchildren, 4, great grandchildren.

Mr. Pritchett was cremated under the direction of the Rupp funeral Home. there are no scheduled visitation or services at this time. Memorials are requested to the Ovie Pritchett memorial fund in care of the Rupp Funeral Home. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

MICHAEL G. RICHEY

1977-2010 | Age 32

Michael Gary Richey 32, of Saint Joseph, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2010. He was born

December 20, 1977 in Augusta, GA, son of Mamie and Gary Richey.

Survivors include Mother, Mamie Hamilton of Saint Joseph, Father, Gary Richey of Lynchburg, OH, Son, Dane Holler of St. Joseph, paternal grandmother, Florence Richey of Hillsboro, OH, Brother, Gary L. Richey Jr. of Fayetteville, OH, Brother, Jeremy Richey of Williamsburg, OH.

Mr. Richey was cremated following the visitation. Memorials are requested to the Michael Gary Richey memorial fund in care of the Rupp Funeral Home. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

STELLA C. ROBERTS

1917-2010 | Age 92

Stella Cecelia Roberts 92, of Saint Joseph, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2010 in a Saint Joseph, hospital,

She was born May 31, 1917 in St. Joseph, daughter of Jochanna and Albert Makos. She worked at Chase Candy Company, Swift & Company.

She was a Charter member of Entre Nous Club. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church, & former St. Stanislaus Catholic Church.

Stella was preceded in death by Husband, Miles Roberts, her parents, three Brothers, Ed Makos, Walter Makos, and Frank Makos, four Sisters, Anna Dill, Madeline Bird, Joan Teschner, and Jenny Schuma.

Survivors include two Daughters, Diane Carolus and husband George of Saint Joseph, Judy Kelley and husband John of Faucett, MO, and a Son, John Roberts and wife Pat, of Prairie Village, KS, a Grandson, Chris Walker and three Granddaughters, Samantha Pietig, Sarah Burt, and Shanin Kelley, and 5, Great Grandchildren, two sister in laws, Mary Makos, and Ora Lee Makos both of St. Joseph.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the St. James Catholic Church. Father Joseph Totton Celebrant. The Interment will be at the Mount Olivet Cemetery. Memorials are requested to the St. James Catholic Church. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

BEVERLY J. SCHNEIDER

1933-2010 | Age 77

Beverly J. (Brigham) Schneider, 77, St.

Joseph, died Friday, February 26, 2010 at LaVerna Village Nursing Home.

She was born January 18, 1933 in St. Joseph.

Beverly was preceded in death by her father, Chester F. Brigham and her mother, Gertrude A. Willett.

(Survivors:) two daughters, Janice and Linda (George) Worthen both of St. Joseph; three sons, Steve (Rene), Plattsmouth, NE, Ed, Springfield, MO and Doug (Anne), Albuquerque, NM; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services Monday, March 1 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial gifts to Arthritis Foundation, or Diabetes Association.

Online guests book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.

LARRY J. SCHUSSLER

1942-2010 | Age 68

Larry J. Schussler, 68, Raytown, MO, formerly of St. Joseph, died Saturday, February 27, 2010. He was born February 1, 1942 in St. Joseph, the son of Wes and Ruth (Roberts) Schussler.

He served in United States Navy during the Cuban Conflict. Larry married Marie Greene on February 18, 1961. She preceded him in death on October 21, 1991.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Aline Lynette Schussler and Dolores Drag; and brother, Thomas Schussler.

Mr. Schussler was a painter at the Ford Assembly Plant in Claycomo, MO for 27 years and a Firefighter with the St. Joseph Fire Department for 9 years.

He attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Kansas City. He was a member of the UAW #249.

(Survivors:) three daughters, Stacie Langston, Raytown, Teresa Young (Floyd Manning), Kansas City, MO and Amber Schussler, Independence, MO; two sons, Wesley Paul Schussler, Raytown and Larry Schussler (Melinda), Plattsburg, MO; sister, Beverly Miller (Ed), Garden City, UT; two brothers, Jerry Schussler (Linda), Hendersonville, NC and David Schussler (Mickey), St. Joseph; 12 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren,

The Mass of Christian Burial 1:00

P.M. Tuesday, Saint Gabriel Catholic Church. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Kansas City. Online guests book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.

ROBERT E. THORNTON, SR.

1927-2010 | Age 82

Robert Edward Thornton Sr. 82, of Saint Joseph, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2010 in a local hospital.

He was born December 2, 1927 in Industrial City, MO, son of Ollie and Ernest Thornton Sr.. He attended Central High School attaining his GED in the Army.

He married Patricia Stocking on February 18, 1955 and they shared 55 years of marriage to the day together. He served in the Army as an ambulance driver during World War II. He also served in the Navy Reserves. He retired from Wire Rope Corporation of America after 37 years of service as a Fork Lift Mechanic. He was a Royal Ambassador Leader, Lay Preacher, and avid worker for the United Way, member of American Legion Post #359, and Green Valley Baptist Church.

Robert was preceded in death by parent, a Brother, Ernest R. Thornton Jr, and a granddaughter Nina Thornton.

Survivors include Wife, Patricia Thornton of the home. a Son, Robert E. Thornton III of St. Joseph, a Daughter, Penny J. Capps (Johnson) and husband Mike of St. Joseph, a Brother, Harold Thornton and wife Janette, of St. Joseph, and a Sister Ruth Ann Thornton-Paulsen of Overland Park, KS.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, February 22, 2010, at the Rupp Funeral Home, Pastor Dave Huggler officiating. The Interment will be at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

JANICE C. WEKAMP

1948-2010 | Age 61

Janice Colleen (Wilder) Wekamp, 61, St. Joseph, died Friday, February 26, 2010 at her residence.

Mrs. Wekamp was born March 6, 1948 in Jefferson City, MO, the daughter of Jacob Calvin and Naomi Faye Wilder. She married Charles "Buck" Wekamp on October 23, 1965, who survives of the home.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Barbara Wilder.

She was a member of F.O.E. Auxiliary #49.

(Survivors:) daughter, Barb Sharp (Gary), Stewartville, MO; two sons, Joe Wekamp (Penny), Rose Hill, KS and Jim Wekamp (Rachel), Liberty, MO; three brothers, John, Frankie and Kerry Wilder all of Jefferson City, MO; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Wekamp was cremated following the visitation. Inurnment Riverview Cemetery, Jefferson City, MO at a later date. The Family suggests memorial gifts to American Cancer Association.

Online guests book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.

ROBERT WHITTEN

1923-2010 | Age 86

Robert "Bob" Whitten, 86, St. Joseph, passed away Friday, February 26, 2010, at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

Bob was born on August 21, 1923, and was a lifelong resident of St. Joseph. He was a graduate of Central High School and served proudly in WW II. Bob retired from Armour & Co. after forty years of dedicated service. He

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