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JAMES MERCER

Mr. James William Mercer, age 57, of Boonville, died at Ellis Fischel Hospital in Columbia Friday Aug. 2, 1980 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, 1980, at the William Wood Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Ardell Polk officiated, and burial was in Peninsula Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert Imhoff, J.L. Pfeiffer, John Klusmeyer, Dale Maddox, William Lee Kramel, and Dave Petty.

Mr. Mercer was born in Blackwater, Jan. 4, 1923, the son of William Walter and Nettie Potter Mercer. He was married to Dolly Chipley, Dec. 21, 1965 and she survives. He was a graduate of Blackwater High School and the North American Aviator School in Kansas City. He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a radio gunner on the B-17. He was awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in combat missions with the 92nd Bombardment Group. He also received two bronze Stars, Overseas Bar and Campaign Ribbons.

He had lived here most of his life and was a member of the Peninsula Baptist Church. He was a heavy equipment operator.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four daughters and a son, Mrs. Sharon Ferlet, Mrs. Sonja Bender, Mrs. Sandra Gant and Sam Mercer, all of the state of California and Mrs. Synda Mercer of Hawaii; his mother, Mrs. Nettie May Mercer of Boonville; two brothers, Jack Mercer of Boonville and Ronald Mercer of Warsaw; two sisters, Mrs. Norma Brown of Kansas City and Mrs. Thelma Ruff of Independence; five grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.