John M. Steele

John M. Steele, 16, Route 3, died Tuesday evening in a tractor accident at his home.

He was born Nov. 9, 1964, in Sedalia, son of James E. and Ruthann Alexander Steele.

John was a junior at LaMonte High School. He was a member of the LaMonte Christian Church.

Survivors include his parents, of the home; four brothers, Roy Steele, of the home; David Steele, Bethel, Mo.; Donald Steele, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Edward Romano, Jacksonville, Fla.; one sister, Teresa Rhinehelder, Whiteman Air Force Base; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander, Route 3; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Steele, 228 South Quincy; Edward Anthony Romano, Orlando, Fla.; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Frank Chaney, North Quincy.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the church in LaMonte with the Rev. John Davenport officiating.

Pallbearers will be John Griffith, Mike Schouten, Dan Hill, Jeff Faulconer, Mike Hudson and Todd Hudson.

Burial will be in the LaMonte Cemetery.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. Thursday at the Moore Funeral Home in LaMonte.

Bertha Whittington

Bertha S. Whittington, 87, of 119 South Washington, died Tuesday night at the home of her daughter-in-law.

George L. Arnett

George L. Arnett, 76, of 1806 South Summit, died at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday at the Rest Haven Nursing Home.


Mr. Arnett lived in Sedalia the past 25 years. He owned and operated the Rainbow Nursery, retiring in 1972. He was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church, the Sedalia Scottish Rite Club, the Sedalia Shrine Club and was a 32nd degree Mason.

Other survivors include one son, Jerry Arnett, Marshall; two brothers, Loren Arnett, Ionia, Lloyd Arnett, Route 3; three sisters, Beulah Needy, Lincoln; Eula Haggard and Ophie Estes, both of Brawley, Calif.; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Ewing Funeral Home with the Rev. Dwight Bingham officiating.

Burial will be in the Highland Sacred Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Masonic memorial services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, conducted by the Sedalia Blue Lodge.