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Miss Ara Morris

Miss Ara Leone Morris, 58, of Higginsville, died Monday, June 3, 1985 at her home.

She was born Jan. 8, 1927, in Morgan County, daughter of Leo L. and Virginia Ruby Finley Morris.

Miss Morris was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, Higginsville; the Higginsville Business and Professional Women's Club, the Higginsville VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the Missouri Association for Social Welfare, the 10th District Nurses Association, the American Association of Mental Deficiency, the National Association of Superintendent of Public Residential Facilities for the Mentally Retarded and the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. She attended Smith Cotton High School, was a 1948 graduate of the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Boonville, and obtained her Masters Degree from CMSU, Warrensburg, in August of 1982. She was employed as a superintendent of the Higginsville Habilitation Center. She had been a professional nurse 30 years.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Virgil Chaney of Leeton, and a half brother, Ricky Morris, Sedalia.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Revs. Glenn A. Nowack and Robert Barker officiating.

Pallbearers were George Schwarzer, Frank Schwarzer Jr., Harold Chaney, Thomas Nichols, George Nichols and Bill Lyles.

Burial was in the United Church of Christ Cemetery, Florence.

Attending Graveside services from Otterville were: Mrs. Agatha Dunham, Mrs. Betty Starke, Mr. Bob Holman. Syracuse friends were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brauer and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kirchner.