

Visitation will be from 7 to 8:30 tonight at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests contributions to the Heart Fund.

Leta Merritt

Leta Merritt, 89, Pine Bluff, Ark., formerly of Otterville, died August 27, in Pine Bluff.

She was born in Otterville, daughter of James William and Sallie Luckett Smith. In 1918, she was married to A.R. Merritt, who died in 1976.

Mrs. Merritt was raised and educated in Otterville before moving to Arkansas. She and her husband were well-known for their philanthropy in Arkansas. They were major benefactors of Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pine Bluff. She was also a homemaker and had worked at the Sherrill (Ark.) Bank for many years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff; Pines Chapter 517 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Sherrill Civic Club. In Sherrill, she was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir. She also had served as president of the Pine Bluff District of United Methodist Women.

Survivors include a brother, Leo J. Smith, Otterville; two sisters, Mrs. Logan W. Cary, Oklahoma City; and Ruth Floyd, Phoenix, Ariz.

Graveside services were Thursday at Graceland Cemetery, Pine Bluff, with the Rev. G. Preston Brown officiating.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Ralph Robinson & Son Mortuary, Pine Bluff.

The family suggests contributions to the First Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff, or to the United Methodist Church, Sherrill.

Nellie B. Smith

Nellie B. Smith, 78, of 1006 East Third, died Sunday afternoon at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

She was born April 7, 1907, in Sedalia, daughter of Fred and Hazel Morgan Smith.

Survivors include two sisters, Anna Estes, 2201 East 19th; and Della Stone, 1508 South Harrison.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Ewing Funeral Home with the Rev. Orval F. Woolery officiating.

Pallbearers will be Charles Estes, George Estes, Paul Baker and Ralph Garrigus.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 tonight at the funeral home.

Other survivors include three sisters, Frances Schwindt, Denver, Colo.; Ida McBride and Mary McAdams, both of New Bery, Ore.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Conn Funeral Chapel, Tipton, with the Rev. J. D. Cooper officiating.

Pallbearers will be Homer Petree, Gene Draffen, Sylvester Wolf, Harold Albin, Leonard Allison and Harold Williams.

Burial will be in Tipton Masonic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home.

Amos A. Oehrke

Amos A. Oehrke, 77, Syracuse, died Monday morning at Charles Still Hospital, Jefferson City.

He was born Aug. 26, 1908, in Florence, son of Conrad and Mary Kurtz Oehrke. On Feb. 28, 1932, in Florence, he married Ernestine Wear, who survives of the home.

Mr. Oehrke was a member of the United Church of Christ, Florence. He was employed by Fisher Manufacturing Co., Tipton, before retiring. He was also a retired farmer.

Other survivors include a son, Amos G. Oehrke, Blue Springs, Mo.; two daughters, Darlene Blankenship, Syracuse; Jean Mowrey, Kansas City; two sisters, Lorena Niedergerke and Leona Drinkard, both of Fulton, Mo.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Bill Lane officiating.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Thomas, Marvin Schroeder, Roscoe Yarnell, Wayne Kanenbley, Dale Herdlicker and Paul Siegel.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Conn Funeral Home, Tipton.

Services contract on Council agenda

The City Council will consider tonight contracting with the Show-Me Regional Planning Commission for administrative services regarding a \$435,000 block grant the state issued to Sedalia for a storm water sewer improvement project.

In an unusually light agenda, the council will consider whether to award the contract to the planning commission, which was the only bidder. The planning commission has said it would do the job for \$11,348. City Administrator Mark Durbin said the state is willing to pay up to \$15,000 for the services, and that anything

year.

At Smith-Cotton High School, principal Morris Byrum said this year's figure of about 1,200 students "is just about what we expected it to be."

There also were a few traditional first-day reports of buses not arriving on time to pick up students. Bill Wilson, of the Rustman Bus Co., said such situations occurred "a little bit more" today than in past years, primarily because of the new starting times for Smith-Cotton and the middle school.

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